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Worth Checking Out

Teaching Excellence

The deadline is fast approaching to nominate that teacher, school librarian or counselor in the West Contra Costa Unified School Deistrict who deserves to be honored by the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund with one of its annual Teaching Excellence Awards. Nominees must be credentialed and must have worked for the district for the past three years and be a full-time WCCUSD employee. There will be six cash awards of $500 each given to those chosen, so this is a great opportunity for parents or students to honor that educator who has made a difference and deserves recognition. But hurry, because the deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, Feb. 2, unless all submissions must be postmarked or faxed. See page 7 for the nomination form and more details.

'Connecting Kids'

"Connecting Kids," tecbnology for libraries, is the goal of a joint effort by the Albany Education Foundauon and Soroptimist International-Albany to raise $10,000 to provide automation for the Albany Middle Scbool library and a second Internet station expressly for kids during off-school hours for the Albany City Library. The two groups are sponsoring a Country Western Dance on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave., Albany. Doors open at 6 p.m. In addition to dinner, dancing, raffle and silent auction, the event features a grand prize drawing for a $2,500 travel gift certificate from Full Circle Travel, and other cash przes. Tickets for the prize drawing, $5 each or 5 for $20, may be obtained from AEF at 1320 Solano Ave., Suite 102. Tickets for the Country Western Dance are $15 per person in advance, $18 at the door. They may also be obtained from AEF; the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave.; Arrow Glass, 640 San Pablo Ave., or any AEF board member or Soroptimist member. Details: 524-7797.

Women's Hall of Fame

The nomination process for the Contra Costa County Women's Hall of Fame, established last October, is open, with nominees sought for these categories: Women Creating Community, Women Working for Justice, Women Preserving the Environment, Women Improving Health Care, Women Contributing to the Arts. Applications are due Feb. 20. Details: 646-5763.

Black History stories

To celebrate Black History Month, the Friends of the El Cerrito Library are sponsoring a special program for all families and all ages on Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. Nationally renowned storyteller, Jerome Fearlatte, will entertain with stories of Africa and share traditions of African culture in this 45-minute program at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Details: 526-7512.

Explore Himalayas

The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., hosts February Senior Day on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 1:30 p.m.See exploring the Himalayas: Nepal & Kashmir. This mystic land, hidden and closed to the world, was the serene wonder James Hilton called Shangri-La. The journey begins in India's state of Kashmir, at Srinagar, then to Napal, home to eight of the worlds 10 tallest peaks. Trek the Annapurna Mountains, raft the wild Trisuli River, ride an elephant in Chitwan National Park, meet the engaging Sherpa people living in the shadow of Mt. Everest. Refreshments provided by Albany Friends of the Library. Details: 745-1499.

Radio for dads

Father Time with Doug Spangler, a radio show for and about dads, is on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon on 88.7 KECG-FM in El Cerrito. On Jan. 31, Jim Walker, co-founder of Walker, Walker and Associates, discusses what dads need to know now about getting their kids into college. And Bob Case, from Contra Costa's Agricultural Department, discusses effective pest management for your home and neighborhood.

CRG duns city for legal fees

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Call them environmental watchdogs or self-appointed crusaders; sore losers in the 1994 election in which Albany voters narrowly approved a 150-table cardroom or architects of the lawsuit that stymied the machinations of a City Council that did not play fair. Call them what you will, but one might also soon have to call the attorneys for the Citizens for Responsible Government fairly rich men, as they filed a motion last week asking for legal fees to the tune of $930,000.

Fresh from a recent pair of victories — one in appellate court last summer and another stemming from the state Supreme Court's subsequent refusal to reconsider the matter — attorneys for CRG took the next logical step in the ongoing Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit: they asked for money.

In a motion detailing some three years worth of services, most of which were rendered "without payment," CRG attorneys Bob Outis and Dan Taaffe are now asking for the bucks that normally fuel a legal bang, $930,000, which "in theory" at least, will be provided by Ladbroke Racing Corp.

"I have no idea what's going to be worked out," said Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben of the motion. "We haven't had any discussions about this with Ladbroke."

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Baxter Creek emerges from a culvert (foreground) and makes its way across the site and toward the present Lucky Store (background).

Heavy rains test local waterways

Unwanted whitewater experience

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Some residents near Poinsett Park in north El Cerrito are wondering where all the soap suds are coming from. About a year and a half ago the City restored a creek in the park as part of a storm drain project. After the recent rains the stream has become filled with frothy white piles of apparent soap bubbles.

Sylvia Falcon, who lives near the park and has been critical of the creek restoration in general, said: "We don't have a nature lover's creek — we have a body of water filled with soap suds." Falcon said she suspects someone has connected their washing machine to the drain or that soapy discharge water is leaching into the system. She is angry with the city and complains that the park and creek restoration have depleted funds that were supposed to be used for underground storm drain construction and repair. "I object to the fact that they used storm drain money to build a park," Falcon explained. Now, it seems, suds on the water is like salt in the wound. "Since they constructed this open storm drain it's their responsibility to find out where all these suds are coming from," Falcon said.

J.R. Deaton

Rains bring mounds of suds to this restored creek near Poinsett Park.

Piles of white suds were visible this week all along the creek that flows between Poinsett and Rosalind Avenues from Edwards to Hillside. Mori Struve, the city's Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager, said that as far as he knows there have not been any complaints to the city about soap suds in the restored creek. Struve said the city will soon begin a storm drain water inspection program called National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Struve said improper discharges into storm

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Rainy season overwhelming for some

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — All should have gone well during the storm of Sunday, Jan. 18, when the rain thundered down like the wrath of a million angry gods and the storm drains, creeks and culverts that run like threads through the City of Albany did what they were supposed to do: move water. The only thing that could have happened would have been if, say, a large state agency ran an 84-inch storm drain into a 48-inch pipe, in a known flood plain, at the end of the system, during the rainiest month of an El Niño winter when precipitation levels were already approaching 100 percent above normal.

Guess what Caltrans did.

Frayed nerves and wet carpets were the order of the day early last week for Eastshore Highway business owners and researchers at the United States Department of Agriculture, who found themselves as much as six inches deep in a mysterious and unexpected flood. As it turned out, their tax dollars were suddenly working against them, as Caltrans workers had, nearly three weeks prior, diverted the seven-foot-wide storm drain that houses Marin Creek into a temporary, four-foot pipe that carries only one-third of the flow.

Greg Hugunin

Patti Critchfield atop the sandbags that lined Patti and Steve's Auto Care.

Though the pipe — a bypass designed to facilitate freeway construction — stood up to previous storms, the roof-pounding rains of Jan. 18 proved too much

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Talks on creek to resume; Lucky gets extension

■ *Company says it plans to meet with creek supporters, who are concerned about its silence up to now.*

By J. R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — At last week's Redevelopment Agency meeting, Agency members voted unanimously to give Lucky Stores an additional 90 days to come up with a plan for its Del Norte outlet that one store spokesman said would "upgrade the facility and draw customers to the store and provide a riparian environment right next to the store." The extension was less than the six months the grocery chain had requested.

Bruce Qualls, the Area Real Estate Manager for Lucy corporate parent American Stores Properties Inc., said his company has met with neighbors and consultants while planning the new store and that the planners need a little more time to draft something acceptable. American Stores wants to replace the current Lucky grocery store near Macdonald and San Pablo avenues with a new 60,000-square-foot combination grocery and drug store. The new building would be a little south and west of the old store and would include the area where the Winston Tire store is presently located. A small urban stream called Baxter Creek runs through the area and efforts to save and restore it have slowed planning.

A 125-member group called Friends of Baxter Creek wants American Stores to restore and reconstruct the creek as an urban waterway. The stream and its immediate surroundings have been designated as an offical wetlands area by the California Department of Fish and Game.Qualls said his company has hired noted creek restoration expert Dr. Ann Riley of the Waterways Institute to help incorporate the stream into development plans. In his request for an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement extension with the Redevelopment

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County may declare public health crisis

MARTINEZ — A committee of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Tuesday recommended that the county declare a public health emergency due to overflowing emergency rooms and alleged inadequate hospital capacity.

The two supervisors on the board's Family and Human Services Committee, Donna Gerber and Mark De Saulnier, said the county may need to assert emergency powers to force local hospitals to boost staffing levels or delay closures of acute care units. The committee planned to present its recommendations to the full five-member board yesterday.

At a three-hour hearing, community members and nurses told Gerber and De Saulnier that staffing cutbacks and downsizing among county hospitals have lead to unnecessary deaths, close calls, and waiting times in emergency rooms of four hours or longer.

Hospital representatives said their data show no shortage of emergency room or critical care beds "under normal circumstances." But they acknowledged that a shortage of nurses creates difficulties with staffing levels during busy periods like flu season.

Promotions, hiring bring EC police near full force

Cpl. Donald Horgan, Sgt. Shawn Maples, Sgt. Peter Statton, Cpl. Robert Pierson and Cpl. Dennis Danielson at the promotion ceremony, where the members of the new Explorers post (sitting on the right) were also introduced.

Photo by Officer Mike Savine

EL CERRITO — After years of budget restrictions and belt-tightening, the city's police force is as close to being at full strength as it has been in recent memory. The promotions of five officers earlier this month and the addition of a new officer leave the department with just one opening, Chief Linda Fellers said last week.

"I have people telling me they can't even remember being close to full staff," she said.

In addition, the department is also home to a newly revived Police Explorer Post, conducted by the Boy Scouts of America, that will provide a greater number of hands to deal with lesser level duties while giving qualified young people a first-hand look at the workings of law enforcement.

The Jan. 7 promotion and swearing in ceremony at the Community Center was attended by more than 100 people,who saw the promotions of: Corporal Peter Statton, promoted to Sergeant; Corporal Shawn Maples, promoted to Sergeant; Officer Dennis Danielson, promoted to Corporal; Officer Robert Pierson, promoted to Corporal; and Officer Donald Horgan, promoted to Corporal

This is the largest group of officers promoted at one time in the department's 80-year history. Two

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Around Town

Will 1501 Solano Ave. be reopening soon? No plans have been officially announced.

Renaming parks, part II

By Chris Treadway
Journal editor

Initial feedback on our suggestion that El Cerrito consider renaming parks in honor of two of its most upstanding citizens — Elmer Freethy and Sundar Shadi — has been positive, though hardly the loud clamor that would get quick action.

But it turns out this space wasn't even first with the idea. Betty Lane resident Jean C. Smith came up with the same proposal over a year ago and circulated petitions proposing that Arlington Park be named for Mr. Shadi. "I certainly agree with you about honoring good people while they are alive," she writes. "I had a petition with lots of names of people who felt like we do." Her petition and an eloquent accompanying letter were submitted to the City Council in December 1996. "It is not something we can contemplate for a long time," she wrote to the council. "It is something that we need to do quickly."

Sadly, her well-considered efforts brought minimal results. Letters from Norman La Force and then-mayor Norma Jellison acknowledge the proposal's merit, as well as past honors the city has bestowed on Mr. Shadi. According to one of the responses, "Your suggestion to rename Arlington Park cannot be accomplished at this time. (The) City's policy is that an individual be deceased for at least two years before a public facility is dedicated or named in their honor."

Ms. Smith is not discouraged and neither is The Journal. She has even offered to circulate petitions again. "Keep up the pressure," she writes to us, and we will. If it is written city policy to wait two years after someone has departed, then city policy should be changed — now. If it is not, then common sense should prevail. If you agree, clip the coupon below.

In discussing this proposal around town, meanwhile, some interesting aspects were raised.

For one thing, making the change would be a little more complicated than simply changing signs at the parks. Official maps, for example would have to be updated. It was also mentioned that there are others in the community worthy of such an honor. We have no quarrel with that, but the community has been fortunate to have Mr. Shadi and Mr. Freethy here as contributing members for such a considerable period and honoring them in a timely fashion would be a great way to get the ball rolling toward honoring others as well.

It was pointed out, by the way, that Freethy is included in the city's Wall of Fame in the Community Center, this column's statement to the contrary notwithstanding. Our apologies for the oversight. The late Nancy Gans, incidentally, is honored on the Wall with a black and white (albeit very nice) photograph, because her dedication there came after the fact — too late to have a color portrait taken.

EC WINDOWS '98: The buzz on the Avenue is that the prime commercial corner at 1501 Solano, former home of the Albany Garage and later the antiques mart, may be put back into use after long sitting vacant. There has been no official filing or announcement of plans, but the rumor is that the building will be retrofitted for use as a restaurant/ video store or similar combination that would duplicate some of the Avenue's most common enterprises ... Since this space recently pointed out recently the shabby appearance of boarded up windows at El Cerrito High School, it's a pleasure to report that all of the windows on the Eureka Avenue side of the school's north wing were replaced last weekend ... And a belated congratulations is due to ECHS and school parents for the annual graduation they threw for seniors last year. The event is always a big undertaking and requires countless volunteer hours, but last spring's event was especially impressive. In fact, a parent from Piedmont High School did a first-hand survey of graduation night events in the area, which included schools that rent swank ballrooms and the like, and concluded the one put on in EC was the best of them all

... Finally, the Mira Vista golf course was closed to play last Thursday — at least by humans. A coyote, visible from the clubhouse, was meandering across the fairway ...

To the El Cerrito City Council:

❑ Yes, I would like you to honor two of our most upstanding citizens, Mr. Sundar Shadi and Mr. Elmer Freethy, by renaming parks for each of them. They have been contributing and dedicated members of our community for decades, and deserved to be honored in a timely fashion.

Name _____

City _____

You can mail this to The Journal, PO Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; or drop it off at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

From the Mayor's Desk

Alternatives can emphasize prevention over apprehension

By Bruce Mast
Mayor of Albany

Not too long ago, as I was walking home one night, I observed a young man breaking into a car. A quick 911 call brought the Albany Police Department out and, within minutes, the would-be burglar was in custody. The incident reminded me what a professional job our police department does patrolling the streets.

I am almost certainly guilty of thanking them less than they deserve so I say now: Thank you Albany police officers for your hard work and dedication.

The incident also reminded me of the importance of neighbors watching out for each other. Patrol officers can't possibly be everywhere at once. They need residents to act as their eyes and ears. At a time when virtual communities are replacing real communities, when interactions on the street are via car horn, I'm heartened that programs like Albany's Earthquake Preparedness Program (EQPP) are getting neighbors together to socialize and solve mutual problems.

The incident also left me brooding on a sadder subject. The suspect turned out to be an Albany resident, about 19, with a police record as long as his arm. His arrest came as a stern reminder to me not to get complacent in thinking that the programs and opportunities this town offers its young people are enough to meet all the needs of all our youth. Albany's Youth Master Plan identifies several key areas where we could significantly enhance the lives of our teen-agers, such as expanding work and volunteer opportunities, and establishing a "kid-friendly" social center for high school kids.

This being real life, the lessons to learn from this incident are hardly cut and dried. We should keep up our vigilance, but avoid assuming that all people of a particular (or race, religion, or sex) are inherently dangerous. We should do more for our kids, we should continue doing what we're already doing well. We should teach our kids personal responsibility, but then give them the chance to act responsibly. Perhaps the clear lesson is that we should get to know our neighbors better. It can be as simple as saying hello to the people we encounter as we walk down the street.

Council members' responsibilities more than most realize

By Jane Bartke
Mayor of El Cerrito

What do you know about your City Council?

Running a city is extremely complex, probably more complex than any business in town. So we are fortunate that the voters typically elect council members who are capable.

For example, all five current sitting Council members are college graduates, and all have graduate degrees.

Councilmembers attend many workshops and seminars every year to train themselves in the complex issues, and to meet with experts, in municipal governance.

Every member of the Council ran because he or she appreciates the city where We live and wishes to give back to the community. No one on the council, presently or in the past, has ever run to do harm to the city.

Our city has been fortunate that we have not had single-issue members on the Council.

Councils have almost always had business owners on it. And most members of the Council have long histories of service on boards and commissions of the City and community organizations.

So, the City has in the past and continues to have intelligent, hard working representatives. I frequently represent our city at county, regional and state hearings, and I note that El Cerrito is recognized by other cities as having the type of council all strive to have.

So when people accuse us, as they occasionally do, of being stupid, we don't answer back, since such remarks tell more about the speaker than about us.

All the Council members have assigned positions as liaisons to City boards, commissions or committees, and also regional committees and boards where they represent the City of El Cerrito and its citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Gina Brusatori's first business is to aIways be available to step In for the Mayor when there is a conflict on the calendar. She has represented the city several times since her selection when the Mayor has been representing the City at a different function She also is the alternate for the Mayor to seven designated assignments. In addition, she is the liaison to the City's Civil Service Commission and the Human Relations Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Brusatori also represents the City on the Regional Library Board

Councilmember Larry Damon is the Council representative to the City's Planning Commission and Tree Commission. Regionally, he represents the City on the Alameda/Contra Costa League of California Cities East Bay Division. He has also agreed to be our pointman for the discussions taking place on the Transbay Terminal.

Councilmember Mark Friedman has been selected as the Redevelopment Chair for this year. He is responsible for overseeing the Redevelopment Agency and its many projects, actual and proposed, in 1998. His Council liaison duties consist of both the City and West County Integrated Waste Management Committees.

Councilmember Norman La Force ably represents the City to both the Committee on Aging and the Crime Prevention Committee.

Mayor Jane Bartke has seve organizations with whom she meets. The mayor is typically liaison to the Disaster Preparedness Council, the Pension Board, Temporary Permits Committee and the Underground Utilities Comm She is also liaison to the Desig Review Board, Municipal Code Review Committee, and the Pa and Recreation Commission. Regionally, the Mayor represe the city at the West County Mayors' and Supervisors' Association, and the Contra Co Mayors' Conference. She has been assigned as delegate to the Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembl West County Transportation Advisory Committee, and a League of California state polic committee.

To be effective, each Counc member must reach out to the larger scope of local governme on a regional basis. Our proble often do not stop at our borders and cannot be solved within ou city boundaries.

All of the Council members available to you. If there are w we can be of help, please call.

Letters to the Editor

Community wants to see school design

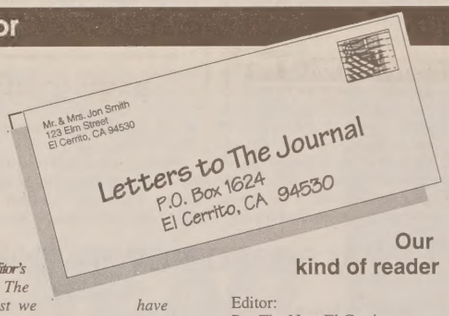
Editor:

The planning is happening. Is there any way to publish the drawings on what is proposed to our community in *The Journal*?

Please do. Not all residents can make time to attend the planning meetings. This project will heavily affect our community. I understand that the process is in a preliminary phase. Sooner than later the final drawings will be presented without an educated knowledge of the community. I would appreciate your effort to keep us all posted on the developments.

Thank you!

Jacques Berchten
Albany



Editor's note: The closest we have come to getting a drawing to date is a fax the district sent us of a fax from its architect. Needless to say it wasn't very legible. Currently, the architect is making changes to the drawings based on changes dictated at the last AUSD board meeting and we plan to print the revised drawings as soon as they are available.

Our kind of reader

Editor:

Re: The New El Cerrito Journal

I love the changes in *The Journal*. It looks more professional and reader friendly. The color photos and the "Worth Checking Out" section are noticeable improvements. I also have to mention ... love the coupons. Thanks for this quality hometown paper!

Akili M

On the other hand ...

Editor:

The irony of it all! The Albany School Board, the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the attending public, offer a slough (a dark, muddy mire) of suggestions and questions about "pylasters while graduating high school seniors can neither spell use a dictionary (in the Jan. 22 Journal).

Eleanor C
Alb

Editor's note: Our mistake. At least we didn't get a slew of letters about this one.

Connecting kids: It's up to you

Editor:

Soroptimist International of Albany and the Albany Education Foundation are holding a joint fund raising effort to assist the Albany Public Library and the Albany Middle School in "Connecting Kids". Tho project has two parts: 1) the automation of the Albany Middle School Library collection so that this school's library technology up to par with the rest of the school district; and 2) to provide second Internet stat;on for youth use at the Albany Library.

We are particularly asking all parents of school-aged children to help us in this project by purchasing a S5. Benefit Drawing Raftle ticket (or 5 tickets for $20) from any Soroptimist or Albany Education Foundation member, at the Albany Chamber of Commerce Office, 1108 Solano Ave. or Arrow Glass, 640 San Pablo Ave. Grand prize is a $2,500 travel voucher for a destination of your choice. Your willingness to help us allows us to make community service projects such as this one possible.

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Items for publication should reach us 10 days in advance.

ity moves on street closure; waits to hear from school district

Greg Hugunin

LBANY — Faced with a road will soon go nowhere, the City cil last week voted to proceed designing a cul-de-sac on Spo- Avenue at the El Cerrito bor- The move, brought on by El ito's recent decision to close its of the street, appeared to mask ger question, however: What's g with the Albany Unified ol District?

y a 5-0 vote, the council di- d city staff to proceed with the de-sac design, which will in- e removable barriers at the two s' border to allow for emer- y vehicle access. Though coun- embers agreed they had little ce but to move forward with project, they also expressed dismay in that numerous writ- equests to delay the move have nly been denied, but went en- y unanswered.

'm really fairly bewildered by act that we haven't had com- ication," said Council (and er School Board) member y Thomsen of three separate s from the city to the school ict, none of which has been nded to. "We talked about this r joint meeting and I just wish e were mitigating something. very disappointed," she said. lthough correspondence in the world of business, or politics, or pretty much anywhere is normally responded to in some manner or other, in the universe of the AUSD, it seems, the rules don't work quite that way. Superintendent Dale Hudson did not return repeated phone calls by *The Journal*, either, so that the issue of the district's lack of communicativeness remains a mystery for now.

But back to the closure of Spokane, which will come about largely as a result of complaints by El Cerrito residents that the new middle school at the former Hill Lumber site will cause increased traffic on Behrens Street. To mitigate predicted impacts, the AUSD signed agreements in 1996 promising Albany and El Cerrito $45,000 each to build a pair of cul-de-sacs on the street, eliminating through traffic there between the cities.

More recently, both the Traffic and Safety Commission and the City Council expressed a desire to hold off on the street closure until the new school is built so as to determine what, if any, impact the facility has. That, however, was ultimately stymied by El Cerrito's decision to move forward with the closure, a move made final in December.

Adding to frustrations on Albany's part were three letters in September and October asking that the agreement be altered. Though no reply was received to any of the letters, City Administrator Daren Fields was informed by Hudson during a telephone conversation in December that the board was not interested in modifying the agreement, and that a formal response would be forthcoming.

As of this Tuesday, none had been received.

At the Jan. 20 meeting of the City Council, Community Development Director Bill Ekern briefly went over the proposed design of the cul-de-sac, which must be completed by April 1. The design will include removable barriers to allow for emergency access, as well as new curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and will be paid for by $45,000 from the AUSD.

Because of El Cerrito's decision to close its half of the street, council members spent little time discussing the merits of the project. Instead, they focused on what many have perceived as the ongoing problem of an uncommunicative school district, with Mayor Bruce Mast kicking off the discussion by expressing his disappointment that the money could not be used to fill other transportation needs related to the new school.

"I think this is this is not a sensible way of spending $45,000, but I don't think we have a choice at this point," said Councilmember Bob Good, an opinion reiterated by Councilmember Jon Ely, who said, "It seems like this is not a true mitigation, this is a compromise."

Spokane Avenue resident Doug Donaldson, who has opposed the closure, said now that El Cerrito has acted, Albany has little choice but to go ahead. His only request was that plans be run by the Traffic and Safety Commission prior to implementation, and that the city get a jump on providing a landscape barrier between homes in the area and the new school's parking lot.

Prior to voting, Mayor Mast spoke again, reiterating his frustrations and pointing to an informal discussion with a board member in which he said he was led to believe postponing the move would be possible. The council decided to run the design past both the Traffic and Planning commissions, then approved the plan.

Motorists coming from Spokane as it changes into Behrens will soon not be welcome in El Cerrito once the street the closes.

Coming to the Trail?

Torrey Pines such as this one at Berkeley's Cesar Chavez Park, could be among some 30-35 trees planted by November along the Albany Bay Trail. Recommended by the Waterfront Committee, the plan approved by the City Council last week also calls for Catalina Ironwood trees. According to a report by the committee, the trees "would give the area some focus as well as enhance a visitor's experience and appreciation of the waterfront environment." The trees would cost between $29,000 and $40,000, most of which, the city hopes, will come from grants. The plan must also be approved by the regional park district.

Obituary

Services held for Carris Rasmussen, 47

Memorial services were held Tuesday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for longtime El Cerrito resident Carris Tatro Rasmussen, who died Jan. 24 in Pinole at age 47.

The Richmond native was a former Kensington resident and had lived in El Cerrito for the past 18 years. Mrs. Rasmussen, a 1968 graduate of El Cerrito High School, was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mira Vista Golf and Country Club and Inner Wheel of El Cerrito.

She is survived by her husband Keith and son John Rasmussen of El Cerrito, brothers Mike Tatro of Cotati and Tom Tatro and wife Melinda of Pinole, sister Marsha and brother-in-law Joe Conwill of El Cerrito, and eight nieces and nephews. A private interment was held at St. Joseph Mausoleum in San Pablo. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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■ Police Reports

Local man suspect in break-ins

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 11 p.m. on Jan. 20 a resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported observing a suspicious person who appeared to be checking out vehicles parked on the street. Officers checked the area and observed a man on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue who matched the description. When the man saw the officers he fled on foot over fences and through back yards. Officers again located him on the 1200 block of Cornell Avenue and again the officers gave chase. He was finally captured on the 1200 block of Cornell Avenue as he was attempting to again go over a fence. He resisted arrest and was finally subdued. He was found to be in possession of burglary tools and various items from two cars that had been broken into on Stannage Avenue.

Officers found that a gold '95 Toyota Camry and a silver '82 Mercedes 240D had been broken into and items taken. A blue '89 Honda Civic had been broken into but nothing was missing. Officers also discovered that the door handles of several cars on the block had been tampered with. A check of the subject, a 20-year-old Albany man who lives on the 900 block of Ventura, found that he was on probation for numerous similar offenses and had a long history of arrests and contacts in Albany. He was arrested for possession of stolen property, petty theft, obstructing an officer, trespassing, vehicle tampering, violation of probation and possession of burglary tools. He was transported to the Berkeley Marshall's office.

Four days later at about 1:35 on Jan. 25 he was seen in the area of Marin and Curtis Avenues. He wasn't causing any trouble at that time and was allowed to depart.

• On Jan. 18 a resident on the 1600 block of Marin Avenue reported that vandals had punctured a tire on his car while it was parked near Ordway Street.

• There were various reports of flooding on the afternoon of Jan. 18. Areas hit especially hard were Buchanan Street near Cleveland Street, the I-80 on-ramp at the end of Buchanan Street and the area of Ramona Avenue and Carmel Street.

• At about 2:15 a.m. on Jan. 19 officers contacted a 35-year-old Tracy man driving an '81 Chevrolet on the 500 block of Pierce Street. The man was found to have an outstanding warrant from Santa Clara County in the amount of $500. He was given a Field Cite Release and allowed to depart.

• On Jan. 19 a business owner on the 1000 block of Eastshore reported finding graffiti on his building. There were no witnesses to the damage.

• On the morning of Jan. 19 a woman on the 500 block of Ramona Avenue reported that her 15-year-old grandson had taken her car and damaged it. The boy was arrested for grand theft auto and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

• Just after noon on Jan. 20 a woman reported that she observed a juvenile male starting a fight at the Memorial Park. Officers investigated an found an 18-year-old San Pablo man who had a No Bail warrant for auto theft. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

• On the afternoon of Jan. 20 a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that during the previous night thieves had stolen the stereo from his blue '92 Toyota Tercel.

• On the afternoon of Jan. 21 a resident on the 400 block of Talbot Avenue reported that her mailbox had been vandalized.

• On Jan. 21 a resident on the 1100 block of Masonic Avenue reported that her house had been egged.

• On the morning of Jan. 22 officers responded to reports of a man acting suspiciously on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers contacted a 42-year-old transient man who was intoxicated and drinking a beer while crossing San Pablo Avenue toward UC Village. He was arrested for violation of parole and transported to the Berkeley jail.

• On Jan. 23 a resident on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue reported that someone had broken into his white Nissan Sentra and had attempted to take out his stereo.

• On Jan. 23 a resident on the 800 block of Talbot Avenue reported that vandals have been "tagging" the side of her house. She has been unable to actually catch anyone doing the damage.

During the week of Jan. 18 officers fingerprinted four people at their request, towed one car, responded to 16 false alarms, attended to five lost or deceased animals, and assisted five people who were locked out of their house or car. In the domestic arena officers intervened in two domestic disputes, 11 civil disturbances and 22 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and seven medical emergencies.

Property in burglary recovered

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — Sometime between 11 p.m. on Jan. 16 and 6 a.m. on Jan. 17 an identified transient entered a residence on the 6900 block of Gladys Ave. and removed property estimated at $2,350. The property was later recovered.

• Around 11 p.m. on Jan. 16 police observed a man in the driveway on the 2000 block of Harper. The man was found to be in violation of a domestic violence restraining order and arrested.

• On Jan. 13 a woman was said to have become hysterical and delusional after an argument with her husband and some friends. The woman was taken to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

• An unknown suspect removed a woman's purse from the bar area of the El Cerrito Plaza Chevy's on Jan. 12 for a loss of $230. The purse was later recovered.

• A '90 Toyota Tercel was reported stolen from the 6400 block of Hagen on Jan. 7. The vehicle was later recovered.

• A man was arrested for battery on Jan. 16 after a verbal altercation with his girlfriend turned physical when she called for help.

• An unknown suspect kicked in the rear door of a residence and office on the 6400 block of Fairmount Ave. sometime between 5 p.m. on Jan. 14 and 3 p.m. on Jan. 15 and removed property estimated at $260.

• An unknown suspect entered the back yard of a residence on the 6400 block of Hagen Blvd. on Jan. 16 and threw rocks at a window causing it to shatter.

• At around 8:20 a.m. on Jan. 17 a man interrupts an unknown suspect ransacking his vehicle parked on the 10000 block of San Pablo Ave. The assailant fled south-bound on Kearney St.

• On Jan. 17 a suspect wearing dark clothing was seen fleeing the gymnasium at the San Pablo Ave. St. John's School. The thief gained access to the gym by unknown means. No damage or loss was reported.

• At around 8 p.m. on Jan. 12 someone approached two people in an apartment complex parking lot on the 11700 block of San Pablo Ave. and inquired about the time then brandished a shiny hand gun and demanded the people's wallets.

• A '77 Ford Courier was reported stolen from the 5900 block of Alameda Ave. on Jan. 13.

• Sometime between 9:20 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. on Jan. 16 an unknown suspect poured about 2.5 gallons of blue paint on a '90 Chevy Concorde parked on the 7600 block of Terrace Dr.

• Sometime between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Jan. 16 an unknown suspect used a sharp object to puncture the tire of a '94 Toyota pick-up parked on the 7900 block of Cutting Blvd.

• Close to 1 a.m. on Jan. 17 a man walking the streets with a 5-foot stick knocked on the door of a residence on the 1400 block of Rifle Range Rd. requesting a place to stay. The man identified himself as "a child of God."

• On Dec. 30 a man suspect exposed himself to a woman near the Prospect School baseball field.

• Sometime in the night Jan. 14 and Jan. 15 some tered the garage of a resid the 8200 block of Terrace D removed property from a vehicle.

• On Jan. 13 a woman that someone had taken tended wallet from her off top.

• On Jan. 6 someone used credit card number to purch without the card owner's

• Sometime between Ja Jan. 11 a bicycle valued at $ stolen from a residence on block of Kearney St.

• On Jan. 10 someone the window of an '85 Chev rity parked on the 11100 San Pablo Ave. There was and no loss.

• An '82 Oldsmobile Cut reported stolen from the 65 of Gladys Ave. on Jan. 13.

• A man was arrested f derly conduct when polic him on the 10600 block Pablo Ave. too intoxicated for himself on Jan. 12.

• An unknown suspect fictitious traveler's check a bill at the Potrero Ave. C Restaurant on Jan. 2.

• Sometime between Dec. Jan. 1 someone entered the ton Ave. United Methodist by unknown means and re television and VCR from closet.

• Just after last call at W Bar on San Pablo Ave. an u suspect removed $240 from register while the bartender the back room.

• An '84 Ford Mustang ported stolen from the 530 of Potrero Ave. on Jan. 11.

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i named EBRPD board president

ector Jean Siri of El Cerrito elected president of the East Bay nal Park District Board of Di- s Tuesday (Jan. 13), as the board ed its officers for the year 1998. places out-going president Doug of Alameda.

her new of ficers for 1998 are President Beverly Lane of Dan- Treasurer Carol Severin of Valley, and Secretary John of Oakland. Other directors on the sevenmember board are Ted Radke of Martinez and Jocelyn Combs of Pleasanton.

President Siri was elected to her first four-year term on the board in 1992, then re-elected in 1996. She is a former mayor of El Cerrito, and has been active for many years in environmental causes, especially preservation of San Francisco Bay and its shoreline for public recreation and wildlife habitat.

st County leadership forum

ntra Costa County Supervisor B. Uilkema is holding a West ty Leadership Forum on Jan. 31 9 a.m. to noon at the Rodeo Center. She asks all members, applicants on file of the follow- ganizations attend: County Ser- Area P-1 Citizens Advisory mittee; County Service Area R- itizens Advisory Committee; ett-Carquinez Fire Protection ct; Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council; Contra Costa County Sanitation District # 5 Citizens Advisory Committee. The agenda will include: Understanding the Brown Act and Good Government Ordinance, presented by County Counsel; importance and necessity of Financial Disclosure Forms presented by County Clerks Office; How to Conduct a Public Meeting, the Agenda Process presented by the Contra Costa Training Institute. Details: 335-1046.

AFD coloring contest winners

At right are the children who won the Albany Fire Department Junior Firefighter Coloring Contest.Each winner received a $50.00 U.S. savings bond. The winners had to complete an application consisting of several fire related questions and draw a fire escape plan for their home. Each child put in a considerable amount of time to complete this project. A list of the winners: Elaine Fang, Amie Dunkle, Sherman Lam, Hanna Lignell, Michelle Ryan, Ilari Rydberg Sarah Wright, Alice Park, Shirley Lam, Ambriana Herrera, Da-Hae Rim, Megan Gill, Jennifer Gill

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he system to handle. Within the water was pouring forth away as the USDA Research er's north lawn, flooding that ny's basement and library as as a number of businesses on hore Highway.

would have worked if only hadn't been that much water," Caltrans spokesman Reza inejad. "It's kind of crazy that rain came down."

ough the brunt of the storm lasted only a few hours, for those who work in the flood plain it was only the beginning, as they would spend the remainder of their three-day weekend attempting to fight off the water as it made its way down from the hills. At the USDA, the flood washed over the yard area, basement and library, while at Patti and Steve's Auto Care it soaked the inside of customers' cars, the office and the auto shop's kids' play area despite a heroic effort from the property's owner, Greg Brazil.

"Right now I'm a wreck trying to conduct a business and not being able to get into my office and do any work," said Patti Critchfield, co-owner of the business, last Friday. "All the toys were destroyed. Everything was damaged."

Though Brazil, Critchfield said, arrived within hours of the flood to build a wall of sandbags, the effort proved too little too late. In fact, Brazil had erected a two-foot, concrete wall on the east side of the property — where flooding normally occurs — a few months earlier, only to have a new and unexpected hazard emerge from the area of the Caltrans project to the west.

"It flooded everybody down there. It was a pretty wet experience," said Bill Ekern, Albany's community development director. "At first, my guys thought they had screwed up." The problem, Ekern said, stemmed from a 48-inch bypass line designed to supplant a 78-inch line that is in turn fed by the 84-inch line that houses Marin Creek. Although standard engineering practices dictate that storm drains should carry more water, not less, as they make their way downhill ("They generally get bigger, not smaller," Ekern said), Caltrans engineers appear to have hoped that the 48-inch line would be enough.

"They got caught short," Ekern said, adding that Caltrans did not inform the city of the new line, as the work was being done within the agency's right-of-way.

Perhaps ironically, the city, the USDA and business owners took numerous steps in anticipation of a wild El Niño winter. In addition to the wall built around Patti and Steve's, Union Pacific had recently cleared flood-prone Codornices Creek of vegetation, and the USDA and the city likewise cleared storm drains and other hazards with the hope that the rainy season would remain flood-free.

"Actually, this was unexpected," said USDA Facilities Engineer Gary Fleming. "We pretty much did everything we could from our standpoint. We have a person who's worked here 33 years and never seen flooding like that before." According to Fleming, the bottleneck created by the 48-inch pipe was powerful enough to lift a manhole on the facility's north lawn, hundreds of yards away.

The incident was not a total loss for everyone, however, as USDA crews worked both and Sunday and Monday over the three-day weekend, "a federal holiday," Fleming said, or, in other words, overtime.

Caltrans' Sirafinejad said the pipe, installed in late December, was originally designed to stay in place for a couple months, although since the flood, crews have been working to replace it as soon as possible. He also said the pipe was deliberately smaller so as to facilitate pile driving and other operations in the area, and that the USDA has already been contacted regarding the claim it will undoubtedly file for damages.

Also, Critchfield said she has been told by a city employee to address all correspondence to Caltrans on legal letterhead.

In other parts of the city — with one exception — the storm produced little if any flooding despite the overwhelming downpour. As a result of low tides and brush-clearing efforts by the cities of Albany and El Cerrito and the Friends of Five Creeks, flood-prone Cerrito Creek stays within its banks, and the only problem within the city limits came from that infamous, man-made waterway, the pooh-spewing City of Berkeley's Portland Avenue sewer line.

"It wasn't the worst. We've seen much worse," said Portland Avenue resident Catherine Jester of the mixture of rainwater and raw human waste that flooded her lawn shortly after the storm began. The cause: an under-capacity sewer line running through Albany from the Berkeley hills, which the two cities plan to fix once this winter's storms come to an end.

Although the cities have worked out a protocol in which Berkeley crews are supposed to respond to any overflows, workers did not arrive until after dark on Tuesday to address the Sunday flooding. "They took their sweet time," Jester said, adding that the two men who showed up washed her lawn but did not disinfect it, which Albany crews did, after numerous phone calls, the following day.

> **'It would have worked if only there hadn't been that much water.'**
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> *—CALTRANS SPOKESMAN REZA SIRAFINEJAD ON THE ILL-FATED FITTING OF A 48-INCH DRAIN PIPE TO AN 84-INCH LINE.*

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■ El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinter

Mayor calls for Council/Chamber partnership

A partnership between the City Council and the Chamber Of Commerce is critical to the future of El Cerrito, accoding to Mayor Jane Bartke.

Speaking before a packed house at last week's 62nd El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce installation dinner, the mayor was emphatic in saying: "We don't want the status quo, we want things better."

Pointing out the commercial district as one important area of common interest to both the city and the Chamber, the mayor told the business group to remember "we have a true partnership."

"There are at least four important issues the city will have to deal with this next year," she said. "We're need to have you there to help us work out plans to deal with them."

One of the most important questions facing the city this year, she said, is the future of El Cerrito Plaza, whose fate will affect the entire city.

Another important issue, the mayor added, will be the development this year of a new General Plan for the city. "We need input on this from the business community. Don't let everyone else make decisions about the commercial area for you," Bartke told the group.

She next cited planning for development in the Del Norte BART area, saying, "We need to get something the entire community can agree on. You need to be there when a new plan for this area is submitted."

Bartke went on to warn the business group that the city is facing an imminent financial crisis.

"We're going to make it next year by using the city's reserves," she said. "We're going to have to decide now what to do when that money runs out. If you want services, how are we going to finance them?"

She said two citizens' task forces would be formed to seek an answer to El Cerrito's financial problems. One committee, Bartke explained, would be looking at redevelopment and the other at future finances.

She called on the Chamber Of Commerce to take an active part in consideration of a possible tax proposal for the November ballot.

"Get the facts on things," Bartke told the group. "You need to know what we're doing and vice versa. We'll be honest with you. We'll meet with you any time you want to — as a group or individually."

"I'll meet my challengss. I hope you'll meet yours," Mayor Bartke concluded.

In response, newly installed El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce President Bill Kerber pledge his group would make every effort to work with the city to find reasonable and fair solutions to the problems facing this community.

Members new and old

The El Cerrito Chamber is happy to welcome as its first new associate member of 1998 the Contra Costa County Social Service Department. Serving as that organization's representative to the Chamber will be Maria Galaviz.

The Chamber wishes to express its appreciation to the following individuals, firms and organizations who have indicated

their continuing support by reinvesting in this organization:

Universal Building Services, Fire Chief Steve Cutright, San Pablo Campus of Doctors Medical Center, Masonic Lodge #686, Dr. Foor Paws Pet Hospital, Colden Insurance Brokerage, City of El Cerrito, Bertram Chan, Kiefer Furniture and City Manager Gary Pokorny.

Four members honored

Four community leaders were singled out for special honors at last week's 62nd El Cerrito Chamber installation dinner.

Special certificates of appreciation were presented to the following four people:

MICHAEL KLINGER — "For continuous support of the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce as an individual and as a member of the Board Of Directors."

BOB WINSLOW — "Associate Member Of The Year for continuous support of the Chamber in numerous ways including as City Council observer."

MARGIE MYERS — Outstanding El Cerritan for exemplary service to the community and the Chamber.

JANET JOLLEY — "For outstanding service to the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce as chairperson of the 1997 October Fiesta.

Signatures still coming in

With each passing day the number of signatures of people who want to see a department store established in El Cerrito continues to mount.

Kathie Perka, local resident and former retail buyer for the Emporium, told the Chamber that the pro-department store petition drive she has been spearheading has already "greatly exceeded my wildest expectations."

"With a couple of hundred signatures still to come in," Perka said, "a total of 3,402 people have already signed the petition which calls for a Gottschalks store to locate here, while 3,307 signed the petition asking for a Dillard's department store in El Cerrito.

In thanking all the people who helped make the petition drive such a big success, Perka said:

"I hope Gottschalks and Dillard take note of these petitions. It's not every day an entire community lobbies to get a retail store for their city."

She went on to urge people who still have signatures to turn in to drop their petitions off at the Chamber office, 10848 San Pablo Ave.

"Keep those signatures coming," she concluded.

Round-up Sale dates set

Spring Round-Up Sales Days in El Cerrito has been scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 26 through 29.

The semi-annual chamber-sponsored event is a city-wide business promotion effort.

"To insure the success of this spring's Round-Up Sale, we have arranged once again for the best, most economical advertising package," Chamber manager Sewall Glinternick said this week.

Promoting this spring's Sale Days will be a special advertising supplement which will appear in the March 26 issues of *Family Fair, The Journal* and *Berkeley Voice*.

Part of the cost of each ad, Glinternick explained, will be rebated to the Chamber to help finance business promotion activities throughout the year.

For ad information and space reservations in the special Sale Days

El Cerrito Mayor Jane Bo issues a call for a City Co cil/Chamber of Comme partnership.

tabloid contact Family Fair ad sentative Bill Slenter at 237-7

Economic Census remind

Local businesses that were the more than five million U.S. that received 1997 Economic C forms last December are re that the deadline for their re nearing.

The forms must be returned U.S. Census Bureau by Feb Cerrito firms that received a fo required by law to respond.

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from Barry Lehrman of East Bay Nursery

Well, here we are at the beginning of the year. This means that the bareroot season has arrived at your local nursery. What does "bareroot" mean? These are plants grown in the ground and unearthed during the dormant season for shipment. The most common plants treated this way are roses, deciduous fruit trees, and various berries including grapes. Some other ornamental trees such as birches, flowering cherries, and crabapples are also distributed this way.

Many nurseries in California sell these plants already potted because some of these plants break dormancy almost as soon as they arrive at the nursery. Because the plants are still regrowing their root systems they are usually offered at a cheaper or discounted price. Bargain hunters, this is your opportunity! Plants grown in the ground are usually larger than container grown, giving you more plant for your buck.

Planting bareroot plants follows the same rules as putting any other plant into the ground. The hole should be two to three times diameter of the root mass, and about 15-18 inches deep. A back fill composed of 1/3 to 1/2 organic material, the rest native soil will ease the transition back to active life. Regular watering is essential at this stage, though most is done by Mother Nature at this time of the year. Plants should not be allowed to dry out during the rainless periods as damage can occur to the baby root hairs. If your plants come unpotted and you don't have time to plant them right away, heel them in by laying them on their sides and covering their roots with a few shovelsful of soil. This is a good way to hold them for a week or two.

So, if any of these things grab your interest, now's the time to haul your buns to the nursery for the best selection and price.

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School district bond measure will go on June ballot

On Jan. 21, the WCCUSD ool board took a historic step approving the placement on June ballot of a $40 million nd measure. The bond, which state law must be used for ility related work, is the first to considered by West County ers in over a generation. Some $16.5 million of the nd funds are earmarked for a w middle school in Richmond. e middle school, to be built at site of the old Harry Ells site MacDonald Avenue, has long n sought to reduce rcrowding in our current ddle schools and reduce dships currently experienced Richmond middle school dents who now must commute e distances to reach school. With most of the district's ools over 40 years old, the asure would also provide ding to replace leaky roofs and ng heating systems as well as rastructure for science oratories and information hnology.

As organizing efforts for the ction campaign move forward, ll carry full details in this lumn.

aching excellence minations sought

The Ed. Fund announces its ual competition for Teaching Excellence Awards. Six cash awards of $500 each will be given to recognize the extraordinary efforts of teachers, librarians and/or counselors at all grade levels in the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD). These awards will be presented at the annual Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet on May 15.

To be eligible for an award, a nominee must be a credentialed teacher, librarian, or counselor who has worked in the WCCUSD for the past 3 years and is a full-time WCCUSD employee. Winning educators will receive the monetary award at the Teaching Excellence banquet. Also recognized at the Banquet are citizens and businesses in the community who have made extraordinary contributions to local education.

Students, parents, district employees, and other community members are encouraged to submit nomination forms postmarked no later than Monday, Feb. 2. The Ed. Fund will send an application form to every nominee nominated by the postmark deadline. For nomination forms or for more information call 233-1464.

School site council seminar

Want to learn more your school site council, what it should be doing and its responsibilities? Juan Crespi Middle School is hosting a seminar, "The Role and Responsibility of the School Site Council." The meeting is open to the public and will be held Thursday, January 29, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Juan Crespi Middle School is located at 1121 Allview Avenue in El Sobrante.

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Workshop on African American inventors

A workshop for staff, parents and students on "African American Invention/Inventors" will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at J.F. Kennedy High School 4300 Cutting Blvd. in Richmond. The workshop is presented as a prelude to Black History month activities and is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. For more information call Ruby Carter (412-5026).

Want to receive "West County School Watch" and additional WCCUSD related information and alerts delivered to your email address? Send the message "Subscribe WCSW" to pakglen@aol.com.

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NAME OF NOMINATOR (please print): _____

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR: _____ PHONE: _____

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MAIL form postmarked NO LATER than MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998, or fax by that date to:

The Ed. Fund
1807 Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530
phone: 510-233-1464 fax: 510-235-0606

Late nomination forms will not be accepted.

The deadline is fast approaching to nominate that teacher, school librarian or counselor in the West Contra Costa Unified School Deistrict who deserves to be honored by the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund with one of its annual Teaching Excellence Awards. Nominees must be credentialed and must have worked for the district for the past three years and be a full-time WCCUSD employee. But hurry, because the deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, Feb. 2, when all submissions must be postmarked or faxed.

Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

A meetings

AMS PTA does not have a uary meeting. Instead, AMS nts are invited to attend the S PTA meeting.

AHS PTA meets Monday, 2 at 7:15 p.m. in the AHS ary.

he topic is an update of the high school construction with ol board member Marsha ner.

ool Board

Board of Education meets special session on Tuesday, 3 at 6 p.m. in Cornell multi-oom.

he topic is setting goals for oard and school district for ext two years.

Special interest meetings

• The PTA Council **Disaster Preparedness Committee** is meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Community Center.

Events/Fund-raisers

The AHS PTA is planning a work day on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date is Feb. 7). Projects include weeding, planting, building benches etc. Everyone is welcome - no experience necessary. Stay for an hour or stay for the day. For further information call Sarah Samonsky at 524-1754 or Gale Williams at 525-5718

• The annual Country Western Dinner/Dance sponsored by the Albany Education Foundation and Soroptimist International of Albany is Saturday, Feb. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building on 1325 Portland Ave. Cost: $15 per person; $18 at the door; $50 for family of four. Proceeds will benefit the work of both organizations.

If there is a school-related event you would like to add/correct here, call Belinda Lum at 528-2429 or email:
robertmarshall@sprintmail.com

Special events, newsletters, and much more about AHS and AMS can be accessed at the following web sites:
AHS Web Site: http://www.citynight.com/ahs
AMS Web Site: http://www.dnai.com/~amscobra

Poetry Forum

This poem was written as part of a series of workshops at Vista and MacGregor primary schools taught by poet Judith Tannenbaum.

THE PARTS OF OUIR BODIES

My hair is shiny as a light bulb glowing in the sun. My hair is dark as the night sky, as dark as ink. My hair feels like crumpled paper.

My eyes are as wet as a blue pond as blue as a fish pond and as blue as the sky, the afternoon sky. My eyes are as green as grass, as brown as bark

My mouth lets me taste.

My ear is like a whirling universe, like fur, and as flexible as a pillow. My eardrum is like a fence.

My hands are as quick as a little bird; they help me climb. My fingers help me touch and they feel like a grabbing machine.

My skin is as smooth as water as soft as flower petals. My heart is as red as a rose. And my feet are as fast as an ostrich.

— Group poem by Pam Marquardt's second grade class at MacGregor Primary School

To reach the Editor call 339-4060.

On Friday, February 13th, the Hills Newspapers will be publishing a special "Sweet Nothings" page dedicated to your favorite Valentines. Let that special person in your life know how much you care!

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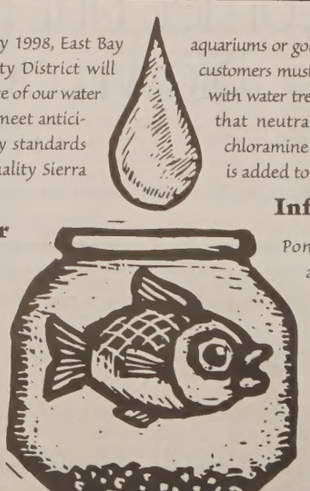

Information.

Pond supply and aquarium stores can answer your questions and supply the necessary products.

If you have any questions about your water, call (510) 287-1380 weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm for more information.

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Goings On About Town

Submissions to **Goings on About Town** *must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.*

Children

Feb. 1

The 7th Annual International Children's Film Festival;1 p.m.; William Wegman in Person! Recommended for all ages, Join Fay and her canine kids as they teach us about nursery rhymes in Mother Goose and the alphabet in Alphabet Soup. Wegman will sign copies of his children's books after the screening.

3 p.m.; The Hardly Boys in Hardly Gold, William Wegman in Person! In this Hardy Boys spoof, those whimsical Weimeraners are slueths. Wegman's dogs to entertain. Including the hit Dog Baseball.

At the Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Avenue Berkeley, 642-5249 for adv. tickets; info: 642-1412. $3.50 admission.

Winter programs for Children at Berkeley's Central Library; Mondays: 10:30 a.m.; from Feb. 2 - Apr. 6; Baby Bounce, the programs include stories, songs and fingerplays for the baby and toddler, includes the words to the songs and activities to bring home.

Family Storytimes for 2 -7 year olds and their parents, take place every Sat., 10:30 - 11 a.m.; through Apr. 4.

The Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League (ABGSL); an all volunteer league in its 16th year of providing girls a "League of their Own"; from early March to June. Teams are open to all girls in grades 1 through 8 who live in Berkeley, Albany and neighboring communities. We emphasize sound skill development, fun and participation for every player, regardless of skill or previous experience. To receive a registration form, or to find out more about playing softball this spring, call the ABSGL Hot Line at 869-4277 and leave a message.

La Peña Cultural Center; Jan. 31; 10:30 a.m.; Bob Reid, a morning of sing-a-longs. "There isn't a group of kids anywhere in the world that can resist Bob Reid!" — Pete Seeger. Adults $3, Kids $2.

3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

Ongoing

UC-Berkeley Research Project: Child Health and Behavior; specialists in childhood health and development at UC Berkeley's Child Study Center are looking for families with 4 to 8 year old children to participate in a research project on children's responses to the daily challenges they encounter. Children must be available for one visit to UC Berkeley's Child Study Center. Participating families will be compensated $15 for their time. For more information call 643-2522.

Classes

Feb. 2

"Build a Healthy Back"; 6:45 to 9:15 p.m.; at Albany Adult School, Albany High The fee is $11. For more information call 559-6580.

La Pena Cultural Center; Free Afro-Cuban Youth Performance Ensemble. Musician Guillermo Cespedes will teach an Afro-American music workshop for youth every Monday; experience not required. For more information, call Sylvia at 849-2568, ext. 16.

Adult Cuban Music Ensemble; 6-8 p.m.; Students will play popular Cuban music. $12/class. Open to instrumentalists and singers.

Ongoing

New French classes ; the Alliance Francaise East Bay, a non profit agency, located at 2004 Woolsey Street, Berkeley. All levels, native teachers. Call 548-1520.

Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free introductory Yoga class the first Friday evening, every month and other free Friday evening events where people can come together in the spirit of community. Call for details, 649-9812.

Yoga at Noon; Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday mornings; Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518

Introductory Yoga Class; Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free class the first Friday evening of every month, and other free Friday evening events, where people can come together in the spirit of the community; 649-9812 for details.

Health, Fitness & Community Education; classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; $7 - $10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons; 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; $7 for one, $12 for both lessons.

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio

Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Brasilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; $7 - $9.

Upcoming

4-week Women's Self-Defense Class.; Feb. 21 - Mar. 14; 2-5 p.m.; $55 for YWCA members, $60 for non-members. This introductory class includes physical techniques, assertiveness training, and discussion of violence against women. Taught by Women Defending Ourselves at the University YWCA. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call the YWCA to register at 848-6370. Call Women Defending Ourselves at 601-0141 with questions or for scholarship information.

Community Events

Jan. 31

ART - A - THON;12 - 1:30 p.m.; Mural Making; 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Cuban Folkloric Dance; 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Video Presentation: Cuba Va: The Challenge of the next Generation; 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Papermaking; 6:30 - 7 p.m.; Dinner; 7 - 8 p.m. Percussion Workshop w/chekeree 8 - 10 p.m.; Poetry Workshop and readings with special guests; at the Berkeley Store Gallery, Shattuck and Bancroft. For more information call Arrowsmith Academy at 540-0440. Please donate $5 per workshop.

Seventh Annual Preschool Fair; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; East Bay French-American School in Berkeley, presenting parents with a chance to become familiar with the wide array of pre-schools, nursery schools, parent cooperatives, family day cares or pre-K thru 8 schools available; 1009 Heinz Ave. and 9th; $1 entrance fee for parents. Call 549-3867 for more info.

North Berkeley Senior Center

Jan. 29; By, For, and About Old Women - Some Good Books and Other Things with Helen Wheeler at 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 30; Sharing Life Experiences with Kim Hermanson at 10 a.m.

Video Opera: Turandot Part 2 at 1 p.m.

1901 Hearst and MLK Jr. Way, 644-6107.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center

Jan. 29; Music: Trudi Riley leads an old-fashioned Sing-Along. Great Books: Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice.

Feb. 5; Music: Dena Fredric and Dorothelle Fites present Show Tunes. Red Cross blood pressure check. 9 - 10 a.m.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Call for the regular weekly schedule. 526-9146. Jan. 25

Ongoing

Volunteers needed; for the Berkeley Free Folk Festival, scheduled for May 9-10, 1998. Two full days of music on the main stage showcasing local folk musicians.Call 843-3810.

Parents Need Support; Your care can make a difference! Become a Volunteer Hotline Counselor at Parental Stress Service, Inc. Weekdays, one 4-hour shift per week. Free 30-hour pre service training Sat. and Sun., March '98. Call Shay Black, 893-9230, Ext. 510.

The Open House Senior Center; volunteers needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social day care program each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Part-time help is welcome and no experience is necessary. Call Ellen at 215-4340 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.

Sakura Kai; meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; please write to 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530 for our regular weekly calendar. For more info call 465-9323.

Moms in Community; Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; Meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting; Relax with a great group of diverse women; Enjoy a break from the demands of daily life. Fridays 9:30-11:30. Childcare begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Voicemail: 848-6252 ext. 558

Cars for a Cure; help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Volunteers needed; Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to staff the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Volunteers needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. ... No experience necessary; call Ellen at 215-4340 for more information.

Exhibits

Feb. 1

Lawrence Hall of Science Museum; 1 -4 p.m.; also Feb. 8, 15, 22; Young students will create a museum in the exhibit areas, as second grade students dress and portray notable Black scientists in special presentations, included with LHS admission. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; UC Berkeley Campus on Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak Blvd. ... 5132. $6 adults, $4 for children, seniors and students.

Feb. 5

Old Masters Prints at the GTU; ... 7 p.m.; The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library at the Graduate Theological Union features a display of woodcuts, engravings and etchings from the collection of Harry and Herta Weinstein. The exhibit includes works by major artists from the early sixteenth century. The public is invited to a special reception and conversation with the Weinsteins, on ... The show runs from Jan. 26 - Apr. ... 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, ... Admission is free.

See GOINGS, page ...

Spring might be around the corner, but El Niño hasn't blown over yet.

This might be one of the wettest and stormiest winters ever in California. Which is why we're offering preparation tips for any power outages storms may cause before spring comes. After all, just because El Niño means "the child" doesn't mean you should treat it with kid gloves.

➢For your family's safety, be sure everyone knows not to go near a power line that's been knocked to the ground. If you see one, stay away from it and call PG&E. ➢Keep a flashlight with fresh batteries in a spot that's easy to reach in the dark. ➢Have a working portable radio around in case a storm knocks power out. If it does, turn to the major news stations in your area to get information on the extent and length of the outage. ➢Ensure against food spoilage by freezing plastic soda bottles filled with water now, then transferring them to the refrigerator during an outage. ➢Check our web site at **www.pge.com** for more information.

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Rain, rain, it won't go away from the muddy fields

The winter weather is hurting soccer season and the players.

By Jeff Sepulveda

Rain, rain go away.

While many Bay Area residents are likely to agree with that sentiment, no one can want the rains to end more than the beleaguered Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League soccer players.

Canceled games, canceled practices, injuries, and mud, mud everywhere, not to mention general dreariness, have been a soccer player's nightmare this entire season.

While El Nino has been blamed for the severity of this winter's deluge, the fact remains that while this year's weather has been particularly bad, winter in the Bay Area always means a rainy season. Hence, the curious decision to play an outdoor sport such as soccer in a season where rain is seemingly an omnipresent factor.

A glance at the ACCAL standings will show a primary effect the rain has had this season. There is a wide disparity among the number of games played thus far. Some teams, such as El Cerrito's boys, have played as many as eight league games, while a handful of teams have only managed three. EC coach Fred Gonzalez believes his team should play no matter what the conditions.

Standings are skewed accordingly, making it difficult to measure playoff status. An example is that of Albany's boys who, despite the Cougars' 3-0-1 undefeated status, is currently only tied for fifth place. Alameda's boys stand at 3-1, but they are in seventh place — currently out of a playoff spot — despite winning three of its four games, while Salesian, which has won only two of eight games is currently ahead of them.

The status of rained-out games and their effect on the standings may seem like an inconvenience now, but it will become a major headache as playoffs loom, because the large number of canceled games increases the likelihood that some will fail to be made up.

"We are trying to get in as many games as we can," said EC boys coach Fred Gonzalez. "We don't want to have any cancelled games hurt us when it comes to playoff seedings."

Practice schedules have also been wrecked by the seemingly daily rains. Teams have been sent indoors to practice — when basketball teams are gracious enough to cede the time. All too often, practices have just been canceled as well.

"It's been so bad, that a lot of the girls don't know if we're practicing or not, or assume that there's no practice and don't come," said St. Mary's girls coach Luis Porras. "When we do practice, we work a lot on conditioning. It's too tough to practice skills when the field conditions are that bad. But we're trying to get the girls used to playing in as terrible conditions as possible, so they'll be ready when it comes to a game."

Is that really what high school sports is supposed to be about?

One person who doesn't think so is EC girls coach Robert Sackey. "I think they should change soccer to a season where they can just go out and have fun," he said. "If they played in the fall, there would be better quality of play because there could be more practices, and more people would come out to see the games."

Sackey should know. He also coaches the Head-Royce boys team which as part of the Bay Counties League plays a fall schedule. HRS also doesn't have a football team, which Sackey admits would be problematic for most ACCAL schools.

"They probably wouldn't let us use the field (at EC)," he said. "Football pays for the field, our games are free."

In addition to the problem of sharing fields and facilities, many soccer players already play other fall and spring sports, so shifting the season would not be a simple matter. But when faced with all the problems winter weather inflicts on an outdoor sport such as soccer, it doesn't seem as though there's any other choice.

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Peter Mentor

eila Baxter used her entire to stop the ball. She made kick . She grabbed crosses. She in the mud and nearly took a in the face.

e Holy Names' goalie faced ots Jan. 21 and made numeraves. Many of the shots St. 's took were from inside 10 and closer.

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St. Mary's freshman Malia Murphy, center, splits Holy Names High defenders and gets off a shot in 6-0 mud bowl drubbing of Monarchs Jan. 21.

Gauchos in first — kinda

By Jeff Sepulveda

First place! The El Cerrito boys soccer team is atop the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League standings. Sort of.

While the Gauchos have accumulated 10 points, it has taken them eight games and a 4-2-2 record to do so, while losing to Piedmont and Kennedy. But those schools have only one loss between them. Sound complicated?

"We've played almost all our games, while a lot of other teams have games that need to be made up," said EC coach Fred Gonzalez. "The standings look a little strange. We're up there, but you really don't know until everyone plays the full allotment of games. But the other teams need to keep winning to catch us."

Last week was a story of good news and bittersweet news for the Gauchos. The good news was that

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elani Harper

ay night Berkeley's boy's tball team returns home to n Amador Valley at 7. It n't have been a moment on.

e Yellowjackets are comf a two-game road trip in they broke even, but last 's loss to San Ramon t pretty. After trailing by at the half, the Jackets ally fell, 76-53.

was a tight ball game at the 3-26), but then San Ramon 20-8 third quarter," exd Jackets assistant coach Keys. "They've got some ys. We didn't really have ze to contend with their r bodies. And they really lot of scoring. I think they ree players in double fig-

keley also has a young The majority of its players are sophomores and juniors, and most are new to the squad because very few players returned from last year's team because of they did not get along with then-coach Dan Palley.

Evidently Palley wanted the team to play a slow-paced, ball-control type of game, whereas the players wanted to run and fast break. Several seniors were unhappy with the coaching philosophy, and transferred at the beginning of the year even though Stelton Mitchell was eventually chosen to replace Palley.

As a result, several younger players have been able to step into the spotlight, and some of them have done quite well. Against San Ramon Malik Harris led the Jackets in scoring with 13 points, while Austin Nichols played strong defense and also contributed 10 points.

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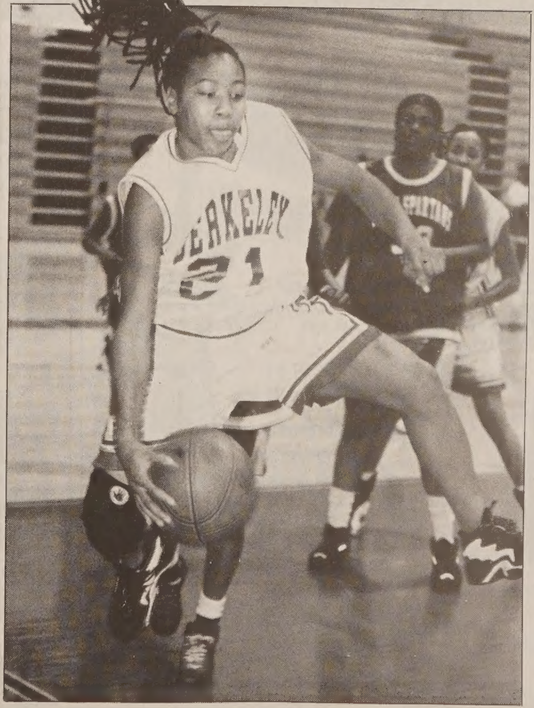

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Tatiana Newman adds an offensive threat for Lady Yellowjackets off of their deep bench.

Lady Jackets set bench mark

By Jelani Harper

Berkeley High's girls basketball team has, as they say, "a squad." That is, the Yellowjackets are deeper than anyone anyone had imagined.

Everyone should have listened to Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura at the beginning of the season when he said his team went 12 deep. Now, Jackets' opponents are finding out that he wasn't kidding.

See, not only does Berkeley (16-3, 3-0 East Bay Athletic League) have five starters that can kill you out there, but they also have a bench that can do the same thing. So, Jackets foes better beware, especially Amador Valley whom the Jackets take on Friday night on the road.

The strength of the Jackets' bench was demonstrated clearly in their most recent game, an 84-61 romp over San Ramon. The Wolves had only eight players, and when they started to fade in the second half the Jackets bench was able to come in and take over.

"When you play on our floor you play on a big court, and we were playing a lot of players," explained Nakamura after the win. "And I think they just got tired. Offensively, we knew that all we would have to do is run the floor for 40 minutes, and our man pressure just wore them down. We had too much personnel for them."

Indeed they did. Berkeley went up by 10 at the half, but that lead quickly turned into 20 points at the start of the third quarter. The Jackets lived up to their name with a swarming full-court press that San Ramon just couldn't handle. The Jackets contested every pass and every shot, and before long they were cashing in turnovers for easy layups.

Then, the bench kicked in.

"A lot more people coming off the bench are doing a better job than

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ady Panthers' surprising climb to the top of the ACCAL

ff Sepulveda

other week, two more blow- Mary's girls basketball team ed its remarkable turnaround ameda-Contra Costa Athletic doormat to top player in the ouse Division with thrashings Elizabeth's and Richmond. ady Panthers remain undeat 5-0.

a team featuring a healthy both depth and discipline, as a legitimate star in junior forward Spring Harris, the Panthers have cut through the first half of their ACCAL schedule like a hot knife through cheese. Of SM's victories, only Salesian has managed to escape without a double-digit loss.

Last Friday at St. Liz, SM broke swiftly from the gate and raced to a 22-6 first quarter lead en route to a 54-40 victory. Sophomore center Rosie Aikens led the Panthers with 14 points.

The only element of doubt against St. Liz came in the third quarter where SM was outscored, 12-3, while the Panthers starters were getting an extended rest.

> **'We have a lot of depth and we're very disciplined.'**
> — *DON LAWSON, SM COACH*

Next up for SM at home last Tuesday was a thin Richmond squad which had only six active players, and sported a 0-4 ACCAL record. Predictably, the Panthers dominated from the opening tip, and led, 43-11, when Richmond coach Zakiya Jendayi was forced to plead "no mas" to the onslaught as her second player fouled out. Richmond was then faced with the prospect of having only four remaining eligible players with 4:51 remaining in the game.

The outcome, however, was never in doubt as Harris scored 10 of her 12 points in the first quarter and a stifling Panthers defense blanked Richmond in the second quarter en route to a 25-4 halftime bulge. Aikens continued her scoring success, chipping in eight points, all of which came in the third quarter.

SM coach Don Lawson was quite pleased with the state of his team. "We have a lot of depth and we're very disciplined, both in running offenses and defensively," he said. "Also, today the play got a little physical in the third quarter, and we didn't let it escalate."

While Harris has starred throughout the season for SM, Aikens has emerged as a scoring force, averaging 11 points per game over the last three games.

Though SM has had an easy time of it thus far,, the Panthers share first place in the Powerhouse with Holy Names. A home matchup next Friday against the Monarchs looms after road games at De Anza this Friday at 7 p.m. and at El Cerrito on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Lady Cougars grow along with coach

By Jelani Harper

As they reach the mid-point of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League season, Albany's girls basketball team is only looking to get stronger in the second half.

"All in all, with each game we're getting closer to pulling it together for a full 40 minutes," remarked Cougars coach Sabrina Nagel. "Whether we win or lose the objective is to grow. From the very first time we played up until now I think the team has grown a lot."

Nagel, a first year coach, recently remarked how in addition to her team's growth, she's growing into her role as a coach as well.

"The players look to me as a coach a lot, I didn't know that it would weigh this much on them," remarked Nagel. "They really look for some sort of unity in terms of pulling everything together, and the coach is pretty much the glue that holds things in place. But I didn't know to what extent they really wanted a push. So now I give it to them in practice and in games."

The Cougars (6-11, 1-4 ACCAL) will have an opportunity to display some of that growth when they take on St. Joseph Friday on the road. The Cougars are one of those teams who always seem to be a shot away from winning, as their 44-41 loss to Kennedy last Friday suggests.

"That last quarter we out-played them, no question, no doubt," exclaimed Nagel. "They just had a nice lead on us straight through the game. If we had one more minutes in the game, we would have pulled it off. Down the stretch Kennedy got to showboating and we stole the ball, but we just ran out of time."

As anticipated, the Kennedy game was a very physical one with lots of contact and plenty of fouls. Unfortunately for the Cougars, they ended up coming up just a little bit short on those whistles.

"More than a couple of times our players had their feet planted but their knees weren't bent at just the right angle, or their arms weren't perfectly straight up and the charge wasn't called," Nagel explained. "Instead, the foul would be called on us. So the game was a little rough, but we played like troopers."

Sophomore point guard Kimi Yamamoto had a good game. She had 11 points and was 7-for-9 from the line. Yamamoto is Albany's main ball handler, and often organizes the offense and calls plays.

"Though she didn't have the highest score (points) tonight, Kim's sense of what's what and who's who to pull the team together really helped us," said Nagel. "Her ball handling and ability to get the ball down the floor, call a play, and run it is really important to the team."

It would be nice if the Cougars could pull everything together to win against St. Joe Friday, but if not there's always next Friday's game against Piedmont.

It'll be little Cougars vs. big St. Josep

By Jelani Harper

Friday night the Cougars have a tall order ahead of them, namely Alameda's St. Joseph High.

Exactly how tall are we talking? Well a look at the Pilots' roster tells all. They've got players six-feet-11, 6-8, 6-4 ... in fact, out of their roster of 14, the Pilots have only about three players not over 6-0.

So, how will Albany's boy's basketball team (4-15, 0-5 Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League) compare and than cope when they tipoff at 7 p.m.?

Well, they've got 6-3 forward Zach Bogart, but from there the height decreases drastically to an average of 5-11. So, yeah, the Cougars have a tall order ahead of them.

But the good thing is the Cougars will be playing in front of their home crowd at the Alameda Naval Base, which is just a hop, skip, and a dunk away from the Pilots campus. So, there's sure to be lots of Pilots fans, too.

"It'll be a good experience, the kids will have the chance to play one of the top teams in the state," remarked Cougars coach Doug Kagawa, before jokingly adding, "so they can have something to tell their grand kids."

Hopefully, starting center Billy Zeier, who is only 6-1, will return to the lineup. Albany played without him in last week's 43-37 loss to Kennedy.

Fortunately for the Cougars the Kennedy game marked the return of starting point guard Darryl Robinson, who missed the previous game with a banged up knee, and David Hernandez and Stanley Mak, who were both out with the flu.

"We were right there with Kennedy, we both shot 38 percent from the field," remarked Kagawa. "But the free throw situation hurt us again — we were 3-for-5, and they were 12-for-14. They kept getting to the line because their rebounding enabled them to get them second shots."

Shooting guard Mark Johnson was particularly effective for the Cougars. He was able to knock down a couple of 3s and finished with 15 points. Senior Greg Thornton handled a good deal of the rebounding, grabbing 13 to go with as many points. With the addition of Zeier, who's averaging 10 boards a game, the Cougars can only look to go up from here.

But will they be able to go up against St. Joe?

"We're coming along fine," said Kagawa about his development. "I was w the film of the Kennedy and we would have a lane to the hoop and we would the ball out of bounds. times we just weren't ab complete the play we ho up. We would miss the la throw a bad pass or somet We're close, but we just there yet.

"But the kids play hard they practice hard, and the good kids," he continued it's like we run a high s and a guy cuts off of it a a clear lane to the hoop he'll take one hard dribble bounce the ball off his and it'll go out of bounds we're still learning."

The Cougars hope th lots don't school them hard.

Bench

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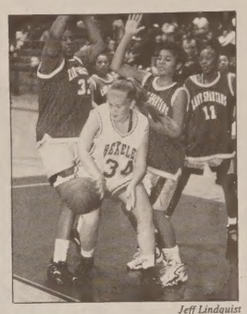
some of the people that are starting," remarked Nakamura. "One thing I noticed is that the level of our bench play is getting better, which is helping us team-wise because there's no drop off now."

Danielle Robinson looked particularly impressive for the Jackets off the bench, she ran the floor well and played tight defense. Nicole Brown and Tatiana Newman added a little sting to the offense with their athleticism, and Danielle Neveu had a good defensive performance as well.

The Jacket's starters should not be overlooked, however. After all, the win was a team effort. Starting center Latifa Lewis was particularly strong inside. She crashed the boards well and had a number of stickbacks off offensive rebounds. Forward Aisha Hollans slashed her way to the hole as usual, and starting point guard Coriel Davis was able to knock down the outside shot regularly.

After Friday's game with Amador, the Jackets take on California High at home Tuesday at 7 p.m.



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Berkeley's Sonja Jubb, center, kicks ball out.

Jackets

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According to Gonzalez, the key to the win against DeAnza was improved midfield play. "Our midfield play was much better," he said. "I really stress controlling midfield, because if you don't, everything breaks down." This week's schedule had EC scheduled against St. Mary's on Wednesday, with a game at Alameda Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Footfire Soccer Club on fire as it goes unbeaten

Albany Berkeley Soccer Club parents and friends were thrilled with the performances of the Under 12, Class 3 team "Footfire" recently at the Association and State Cup levels in Redding.

Footfire, one of three teams representing Alameda County, District 4, was invited to the playoffs based on an undefeated season record of 10-0. With only one loss in the final game of the preseason Oakland-sponsored Bay Oaks Classic open tournament, Footfire entered the cup with an impressive 17 wins.

The wins included bringing home to Berkeley the "Golden Cup" after defeating the Vallejo Rowdies, 3-1, in the final of the Sacramento Thanksgiving Classic.

Only two games shy of the prized State Cup, Footfire gave up one goal in the 45th minute of the second half in the quarterfinal match vs. Sanger Clash, a District 7 team.

"I never thought we would lose," a Footfire fan asserted. "Our boys played a brilliant game; it seemed all along they were controlling the game and winning. Muddy conditions worked against our boys' excellent physical conditioning."

Coached by Berkeley-based Carlos Hill and Larry Geller in 21 appearances since September 1997, Footfire has scored over 80 goals. The majority of goals have come from Kamani Hill, Benjamin Toczynski, and Sam Geller.

Footfire will complete the U-12 winter season in the Class 1 competitive division.

Above, the Footfire Soccer Club: Front, left-to-right — Jason Haller, Sam Geller, Bobby Gordon, Colin MacIver, Kaiso Hill, Benjamin Toczynski; middle row — Collin Soule, Kahlil Davies Calhoun, Walker Toma, Kamani Helekunihi Hill, Noah Flessel, Nicky Brandley, Paul Muse; back row — coaches and managers Larry Geller, Carlos Zensay Hill, Peter Flessel.

Mud

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portunities, but not converting on their shots. The only goal in the half came when SM senior Zeina Saad headed a long throw-in by junior Sarisa Ransom into the left side of the net.

The relentless offense of the Panthers and the muddy field would make any team tired. SM coach Luis Porras said his team has been working a lot in the mud to get used to those conditions.

"Our practices consist of working through the mud so it won't be an unexpected experience," he said.

Porras said his team changed its strategy in the second half after getting nearly shut out in the first half of this mud bowl.

"In the second half we opened up our game and worked it to our advantage," said Porras. "We went to the wings and opened up the middle to make passes."

The change worked. Panther freshman Malia Murphy flicked a shot into the goal off a cross from Ransom for a 2-0 lead early in the second half.

SM's took four consecutive shots, two of them saved by Baxter. Finally Danski Perez made a pass to freshman Nicole Griffin, who trapped the ball, turned to beat a defender and scored from five yards out.

Cassie Chan had a breakaway stopped by Nichol Baxter, but the Panthers got an odd goal when an errant ball came on the field. Chan moved to the other side of the goal and scored as Sheila Baxter was screened on the play by her own defender, who was trying to clear the other ball.

Ransom scored the fifth goal of the game when she was left alone near the front of the net and had an unobstructed shot.

Becca Kawaichi put in the final goal after she took a rebound and blasted it in from a few feet out.

SM was scheduled to play at Kennedy last Friday, then at Albany on Monday. The Panthers were scheduled to host El Cerrito on Wednesday.

CORRECTION

A photo which appeared in the Jan. 15 issue of the Journal of one of Hills Newspapers' Athlete of the Month, was not that off Andrew Gooden of El Cerrito High. The 6-foot-9 Gooden is a member of the highly rated Gauchos' basketball team, which has a 15-4 record. Gooden combines a soft jumper from up to 3-point range and is very athletic near the basket. Gooden is a primary reason why the Gauchos can make a run at the NCS championship. Hills Newspapers regrets the error.

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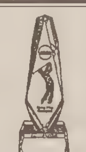

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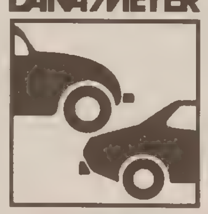

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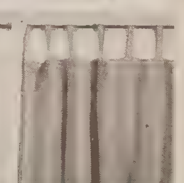

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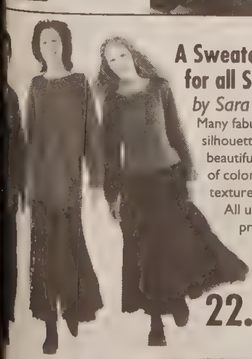

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y Hill, that wonderful b just off the waterfront, a landmark, a battlefield, erished part of life for n and around Albany for any years. A battlefield, there are so many who eep it as a pristine, grass tree studded jewel, and who want to develop it its unusual site and view selves or those who y into the development. urse, we all know that es have had some That the hill has been d to a great degree, but op of the hill has been d to parkland, and that a ection resulted in a to buy some of the g undeveloped portion as ce. But the battle never d controversy continues round the lovely little

this came back to me at meeting of the board of ds of Albany Hill. I as Carole Fitzgerald, who the heart and soul of the Friends for many years, spoke of wanting to back away from it and return to her art. A recognized and widely appreciated artist, Carole has neglected that side of her life in order to lead the fight to keep at least some of the hill for the people, as well as the animals, the trees and other plants that proliferate and form the unique presence that is so important a part of this area.

Another leader in the fight to save what we can of Albany Hill is Botanist Barbara Ertter, collections manager and curator of Western North American Flora for the University Herbarium and Jepson Herbarium. Barbara has been leading the way in the effort to keep the area clean, free of garbage, invading foreign plants and other things that threaten the glory that is the Hill. Ertter talks of the stewardship of the Hill, and speaks of the movement throughout the country of biologists, botanists and others to maintain parks and wild life areas through the use of stewardship by those best able to maintain them.

Ertter has led a group of residents in a monthly clean-up of Albany Hill. Carting away, pruning, pulling up, and generally policing the area this group has spent numerous Saturdays, once a month, to work under Ertter's direction. Carole Fitzgerald has provided me with the list of names, and I am amazed at the number. I would like to acknowledge and thank them here:

From Albany there are Cathy Baca, Bob Benjamin, Gerhard, Marge, Ingrid, and Robert Biostrom, Hortensia Chang, John Nelson, Ann Claegens, Wendy Hyman, Greg Jalbert, Mia Lang, Sandra Lemon, Ruth Meniketti, Jean Poulter, Ron Sneider, Joan Strasser and Phyliss Zisman. From El Cerrito there are Marian Yu and Keith Alcock; and from Richmond, Margot Cunningham, Dave, Michelle and Rebecca McFarlane, and Joann Orengo. Kensington's Robert Langston and Oakland's Clare Englander complete the list I have been given. Others have come on occasion and we thank them, also, for what they have and will do.

Robert Langston is the expert on butterflies, and has made a study of the many butterflies that so enhance the beauty of the hill. You do know that Albany Hill is one of the gathering places of the Monarch butterfly.

Carole speaks, also, of Dr. Richard Beidleman, a Research Assistant at the U.C. Herbaria, and a 25-year resident of El Cerrito, who, on Feb. 7 will speak at the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Community Center, at 7 p.m. He will talk about the bird diversity — more than 40 species — that winter in Albany Hill's distinctive habitats, "with some interesting features of their behavior, including tidbits about the invasion of European Urban birds on Eucalyptus forests 'Down Under,' and what happens when favorite haunts are destroyed." His illustrated lecture is free and everyone is invited.

Other items are explored during this interesting meeting. Barbara Ertter is working on the local "gene pool" of native plants.

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser

She speaks of plants there that are potentially different from those just a few miles away.

She describes the differences: "homo sapiens are homo sapiens, but if we lost the Ohlone culture, it could not be replaced even by another Native American tribe such as the Apache. They are all Native Americans but with great differences." There is more, and it is fascinating.

One of the things Ertter is doing is making a book (an enormous book it will be). On each page, under plastic, is a sprig of one of the native plants from the hill. It is hard to realize the diversity of plant life there. As I have reported before, Barbara has made a list of all of the plants on the hill, but this compilation will be much more complete, especially with a sample of that plant before us.

And, again on the subject of stewardship, Ertter tells us that Peter Ravin, a world known botanist and conservationist, will be in the area in April and has promised to speak locally on Site Stewardship.

Another issue that was seriously discussed was the Initial Study of the Albany Sewer Project. This project plans a construction project next to Cerrito Creek, where a 42-inch sewer is planned, replacing the existing 24-inch sewer system. The construction zone, next to Cerrito Creek, will be from 20 to 40 feet. Questions about the placing the of 42-inch sewer so close to the creek and the park, and the possible damage to trees and other parts of the park, were discussed. Damage control and mitigation are the great concerns here. We were told that copies of the Initial Study can be found at the Albany City Hall. This study was done by Berkeley, because the sewer systems do overlap. It is hoped that anyone interested in knowing more about this will inquire at City Hall.

From our eariest days in this area, my family and I have been in love with the knob we call Albany Hill. It is so heartening to know how important it is to so many people, and how much care is put into maintaining it. My part on the Board of the Friends of the Hill is to watch, admire and wonder. And occasionally to let you know how our beloved hill is faring.

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As always, I invite your input: Let me know about interesting people, events, organizations, etc. We have such a wealth of all of that here, but I won't know about them if you don't tell me. Write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

hole Earth Access: Basic Living Products

BUSINESS FOCUS

by Laura Fischer

king into San Francisco for household products is not sary once you visit Whole Access. The original store attuck started up this one-nd business twenty years heir new location at 7th and y has been serving customr over a decade.

ole Earth Access is now a ound of three strung er buildings. It is a one-stop ce for household wares, ances, home electronics, ng, shoes, cookware, table- personal electrical appli- tools, books, furniture and as. You could think of it as pping center with a wealth ality products all housed one roof.

goods found here represent favorite store, from ms Sonoma to the Crate arrel. In the words of man- Vill Smith, "We offer a com- resource for the smart consumer offering affordable classic household basics," he says. "We stock better products for better living at prices you can live with."

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Martin Snapp

Tailgate: In July of 1945, President Harry Truman was at Potsdam, Germany, attending the Big Three conference with Churchill and Stalin. At the end of one day's session, a young Army public relations officer, seeing that the president was about to leave alone in his car, stuck his head in the window and asked if he could hitch a ride.

Truman being the down-to-earth guy that he was, said, "Sure, son."

They chatted amicably as they rode along, until the p.r. man, seeking to ingratiate himself, said, "Mr. President, whatever you want, I can get it for you. Just say the word. Anything, you know, like women." Suddenly, Truman's friendliness vanished. "Listen, son," he snarled. "I married my sweetheart. She doesn't run around on me, and I don't run around on her. I want that understood. Don't ever mention that kind of stuff to me again!"

And he rode the rest of the way in stony silence. Recalling the incident years later, Truman's driver said, "When we got home, he got out of the car and never even said goodbye to that guy."

Now, that's not the reason why Truman was a great president and Clinton isn't. Truman was great because — unlike Clinton — he never shrank from making the hard decisions.

But it is the reason why Truman — even though his approval numbers were even lower than Clinton's — was never in danger of impeachment, and Clinton is.

If I sound mad, it's because I am: Mad at Clinton, of course, but also mad at myself and other Democrats like me. Now we know how the Republicans felt 25 years ago.

The Republicans knew exactly what they were getting when they nominated Nixon in '68. They knew he was a mean, vindictive SOB. But they'd been in the political wilderness for so long, they were desperate to win. So they made their deal with the devil and crossed their fingers, hoping it wouldn't come back to bite them.

It did, of course, and Watergate was the result.

And in '92, we Democrats knew exactly what we were getting with Clinton. We knew about Gennifer Flowers and the other "bimbo eruptions." But we, too, were desperate. So we made our deal. And now look what's happened.

Not that I'm equating what Nixon did with what Clinton did. Watergate was a conspiracy to get the president's enemies. Tailgate was just a conspiracy to get the president laid.

One was treason, the other was just tawdry. But if it turns out that the chief magistrate of the nation either perjured himself or suborned perjury then Dianne Feinstein will be Vice President by spring. Comparing Nixon to Clinton, it's tempting to dredge up the classic Karl Marx dictum, "History always repeats itself: the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce."

But for all its farcical elements, Clinton's sad story is the stuff of tragedy, too. Remember, the classic definition of tragedy is a hero being brought down by his own hubris. And that's exactly what it was: He apparently thought he could get away with anything.

Is there a right-wing conspiracy out to get Clinton? Of course. Is Ken Starr motivated by partisan politics? No doubt. Are the media more interested in the search for ratings than the search for truth? You bet.

But as an old Arkansas saying goes, "Even a blind pig can find an acorn now and then."

Or, as Richard Nixon said, "I gave them the club, and they beat me over the head with it."

The best we Democrats can hope for is that Starr won't be able to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Clinton lied under oath. But even this will still leave us with the unpleasant truth that the President of the United States is a dirty old man.

That may not be enough to get him impeached, but it is enough to make him what a politician can least afford to be: An object of ridicule. The Leader of the Free World will be mentioned in the same breath with Marv Albert, Woody Allen and Pee Wee Herman.

It's already started. As soon as the news broke, I called Bill Strauss, co-founder of the satirical group The Capitol Steps, and they'd already written a song. Here (to the tune of Dion & the Belmonts' "The Wanderer") it is:

The nation's women know I've got the presidential powers, My staffers all can vouch for how I keep 'em after hours, The pretty ones go far, there is no end to what they earn, But no one tell my wife about that pretty young intern. She calls me the fondler
She says I fondled her
My hands went
round'n'round'n'round'n'round'n'round.
(Chorus) I ask the interns that I see
Can we go out on a date?
Now, if you folks will pardon me,
I have a dinner appointment
with Chelsea's roommate.
Should I admit with Monica I went a little far? If I confess, then I could be indicted by Ken Starr. While JFK liked movie stars, I won't do what he did. I won't hit on Madonna, no, I'm waiting for her kid. I'm hoping that Monica
Did not bring her Konica
She'll bring me
down'n'down'n'down'n'down'n'down'n'down.

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Extend

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Agency, Qualls said American Stores hopes to have a creek restoration plan ready to present to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee sometime next month. He said he plans to meet with Friends of Baxter Creek and use their ideas in the planning process.

But a spokesperson for the environmental group questioned American Stores' commitment to saving the creek. "We're not convinced yet that there is a design — we haven't seen anything yet," said Maryann Aberg of El Cerrito. Aberg says her group has met only once with representatives from Lucky. Last November they discussed the new store's design with people from American Stores and proposed a number of designs that accommodated the creek. Lucky agreed to subsequent meetings, but later postponed and cancelled them. "They should use the creek as an amenity to attrack customers," Aberg said. She later added: "We would like to work with them and come up with a plan to save and use the creek."

In its present state Baxter Creek looks more like an urban dump than an urban creek. Plastic bags, old underwear, broken glass and empty tin cans clog its flow. In the the jumble of scrub trees and berry vines are squatters' mattresses, pillows, a discarded TV and some feral cats. At Tuesday's Agency meeting there were a few offhand references to Baxter Creek being more of a ditch than a creek. American Stores will apparently pay for the restoration if it occurs and criticism of restoration plans was muted.

Agency Member Larry Damon and Chairperson Mark Friedman urged Qualls to meet with the Friends of Baxter Creek group and listen to their ideas. Qualls told Friedman he would have "no problem having many meetings with the Friends of Baxter Creek." Damon said of the restoration group: "They're a reasonable group and we would really like to keep them that way." Agency Member Norman La Force said "I don't think everybody is going to get everything they want," but he said he expects the final plan to be a good compromise acceptable to all.

Agency Member Gina Brusatori said that "Lucky Stores have been a good neighbor and have served our community well." Brusatori said she wants the store to be economically viable and that she wouldn't want the building to end up sitting empty and unused like the old Safeway store on Adeline in Berkeley.

Diamond lane completion coming soon

RIDES for Bay Area Commuters says new diamond lanes will allow carpoolers to bypass gridlock on Interstate 80 between state Highway 4 and the Bay Bridge toll plaza beginning in early February. The agency says the new high-occupany-vehicle network will allow commuters using public transit, carpools, motorcycles and fully occupied two-seat vehicles to bypass traffic for 16.5 miles on westbound I-80.

Vehicles with three or more occupants may also skip all metering lights and cross the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge for free Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Caltrans delayed an intended January opening date for the diamond lanes because of recent rainy weather.

Diamond lane details: 817-1717. Commuter information: (800) 755-POOL.

Suds

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drains by restaurants and auto repair shops will be the inspectors' priority, but if suds continue to be a problem in the creek during the next few months his staff could check it out. "It's really difficult to track stuff like that down," Struve said of the soap suds.

"You have to go upstream and try to find the source. There may be an illicit connection to the storm drains," Struve said and then added: "There is no reason for there to be soap in the water."

Beverly Wright, who lives just north of the creek, said she hasn't noticed soap suds in the creek, but did say there seems to be too much water coming out of the culvert and into the creek after times of rain. Barbara Boughton lives next to the creek and she says she hasn't noticed a suds problem. "We like the creek and think the City did a good job with the latest improvements," she said.

Promote

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of the promotees had their new badges pinned on them by their fathers, who also serve local law enforcement agencies. Maples' father is Lt. Doug Maples of the Richmond Police Department. Horgan's father is Lt. Dennis Horgan of the Pleasant Hill Police Department.

Statton joined the El Cerrito department in 1988 and was promoted to corporal in 1991. He has served in the Patrol and Detective divisions, including an assignment to the West Contra Costa Narcotics Task Force. He was selected Officer of the Year in 1995. He has received numerous letters of appreciation from members of the community citing his professionalism, patience, kindness and understanding. He has also been a leader in the Department's community policing program, and served the El Cerrito Police Employees' Association as president in 1997.

Maples began his service with the department in 1987 and was promoted to Corporal in 1993. He has served in the Patrol and Detective divisions, and supervised the business office personnel for two years. He received the Police Officer of the Year award in 1989, received an award from the California Highway Patrol for outstanding auto theft enforcement, and has appeared twice on the *America's Most Wanted* television program.

Danielson began his service in El Cerrito as a reserve officer in 1974. His first paid police position was with the City of Ukiah in 1977. He returned to serve El Cerrito in 1982, where he has served as a Field Training Officer, Felony Suppression Officer, Lab Technician, and major crimes investigator. He has been honored four times by the California Highway Patrol for out.standing auto theft enforcement. He currently serves as advisor to the El Cerrito Police Explorer Post and supervises the newly-created Bicycle Patrol.

Corporal Pierson has been a member of the Department since 1986, serving his entire career in the Patrol Division. His file contains many commendations and letters of appreciation from members of the community that cite his care and professionalism in carrying out his duties. He has received his Bachelor's Degree from Sacramento State University.

Corporal Horgan has been a member of the Department since 1990. In addition to working in the Patrol Division, he has served as a Traffic Officer, supervisor of student tratfic patrols, and a Detective. In 1996, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Credit Card Investigators. Cpl. Horgan is an authority on fraud, financial crime, and computer crime. He has also been honored by the California Highway Patrol for outstanding auto theft enforcement.

Newest officer

The Department's newest Police Officer is Robert DeLaCampa, who began his work in El Cerrito Jan. 20. He is a resident of Pinole, and has previously worked for the Burlingame Police Department and the Pinole Police Department.

Officer DeLaCampa has demonstrated outstanding initiative and productivity in his previous departments, and has been recognized for his traffic enforcement and drunk driving enforcement efforts. He sought a move to another police department when the financial situation in Pinole made the layoff of his position there highly probable.

Explorer Post

New members of the El Cerrito Police Explorer Post are:

• Sean Flores, age 19, a sophomore at San Francisco State University and the son of Renato and Angeles Flores.

• James Fortune, III, age 14, a student at Portola Middle School and the son of Monica Holmes.

• Amaljit Kaur, age 17, a senior at Middle College High School and the daughter of Piera Singh and Mohindeljit Kaur.

• Emiliano Rincon, age 17, a junior at Delta High School and the son of Angie Martinez.

• Joseph Strickland, age 17, a senior at Pinole Valley High School and the son of Joseph Strickland.

• Mike Burgess, Jr., age 14, a 9th grader and the son of Maria and Michael Burgess.

The Explorers will handle in-office work, help keep equipment in order and eventually some field duties.

In fact, some were stationed along the route of the Martin Luther King Jr. March last week, supplementing the presence of regular officers. Over time some may be put on bike patrols along the Ohlone Greenway, Fellers said.

Fees

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Although, "technically" speaking, the city is on the hook for the fees, Zweben assumed an agreement between Albany and the British-based gaming giant would mandate the bill be picked up by Ladbroke.

"Well, it would be the losing parties (that would pay), which in this case would be the city and Ladbroke," said CRG President David Arkin. "We have established very good environmental law for the State of California, and that's worth at least as much as what our attorneys ought to be paid."

The lawsuit is one of two filed by the small, citizen-based group since Albany voters approved the cardroom by a 186-vote margin. Originally defeated in Superior Court in 1995, CRG appealed — and proved victorious — last year when an appellate court ruled the city violated the California Environmental Quality Act by submitting a development agreement to voters without environmental review.

The court also ruled the ballot question submitted to voters presented a "partisan position" in that it mentioned arguments used by cardroom supporters. According to the ballot measure, voters not only approved a cardroom, but did so "in order to provide revenue for the City of Albany, create jobs, provide for an Albany Bay Trail, and allow Albany waterfront access."

In November, Albany and Ladbroke petitioned the state Supreme Court for a hearing that would overturn the appellate decision, but were denied. That, in turn, allowed the appellate decision to stand, and also cleared the way for the request for legal fees.

Albany Mayor Bruce Mast, one of the cardroom's original supporters, had little comment on the motion, saying only that he was not surprised.

"I'm not really sure I have much of an opinion, frankly," Mast said, adding that if CRG had a right to ask for legal costs, he would presume the group would try to recover them. "It's exactly what I would expect," Mast said.

City Attorney Zweben, on the other hand, had a somewhat stronger reaction, saying, "Anyone who thought this case was brought by CRG's attorneys out of the goodness of their hearts is fooling themselves." Also, Zweben said, the lawsuits have cost Albany "a couple million dollars" in revenue from the long-delayed cardroom, which was supposed to provide a guaranteed $1.2 million a year.

To which Arkin responded: "To date, our attorneys have been paid $5,000. Robert Zweben has been paid at least a couple hundred thousand dollars, so he's in no position to make comments like that."

Responding in turn, Zweben said, "I don't think that's accurate," of Arkin's estimate. According to City Administrator Daren Fields, Zweben has billed Ladbroke $124,801.23 for all services rendered, including preparation of the ballot measure and development agreement ($29,620.76, according to city records) submitted to city voters as Measure F.

CRG attorney Bob Outis was unavailable for comment as of press time, as, according to his secretary, he was working on the very matter dealt with in this article. Ladbroke officials were likewise unavailable for comment. A hearing on the matter has been scheduled for March, Zweben said.

Bill Mann

Monica Media Mania: There's an old
politics that one ought never to be caught in
live man or a dead woman. Things have obv
changed.

These past two weeks, it's been interesting
the media cover the Clinton scandal. Its sat
coverage of this national embarrassment has
doubt that the Murdoch-ization of our media
fait accompli. A sex scandal plus an intrusi
and a curious public equals Fleet Street-typ
which now thrives here in the colonies. We
own Profumo affair! Expect more such scand
now on — hopefully, many involving certain
Senators and Congressmen. (Emphasis on

Now, it's all Monica, all the time! News
which broke the story, noted that our President
looking "like a certain oceanic-disaster movie
by Jerry Springer."

And for talk radio, the Clinton scandal has
godsend. Driving around, I find I'm addicted
story like so many others, always waiting for
juicy morsel or a fresh take on the story. I lis
KCBS, newstalk KGO, KQED-FM, Clinton
station KSFO (where the party's in fever pitch
big Sacramento talk station KSTE (at 650
easy to pick up, like an intern, in most of the
Bay).

This around-the-clock coverage, this inv
coverage, has unleashed a commingling of fa
rumor — mostly the latter — that has rocked
Presidency. Some call it the coarsening of pu
discourse, and that's probably true. Our new
environment, says *Washington Post* analyst
has created competitive pressures more intens
ever. He adds something I've been saying for
something this seamy story has proven beyond
That the lines between traditional journalism
tabloid have been badly blurred. Expect them
that way.

But don't blame this affair on the media.
Clinton deserves much of the blame, largely
of his past behavior.

As longtime Clinton supporter and liberal
Molly Ivins puts it, Clinton's problems are
trust and credibility. She says both of these
"massively damaged." I also agree with her
Clinton's biggest problems aren't legal, but
"He cannot lead this country," she wrote this
More people are concerned, I'm convinced,
Clinton's credibility than with the sexual allega
against him by Monica Lewinsky and others.

Regular readers know that I voted for Clinton
(even though I'm a registered Republican).
written several columns here assailing the vi
petty army of Clinton-bashers (both Bill and
But this latest episode has raised serious
in my mind as they have in those of other Clinton
supporters. And this is why I believe Clinton's
problems are political, not legal. Perjury?
feeling is that many Americans think people
court anyway (remember O.J.?) and that our
system is a sham.

If these latest sexual allegations about the
are substantiated, he should show some class
Ivin urges, resign. (But he may not, alas). One
observer noted that Clinton had a "covenant"
American voters that goes something like this:
so I've done some philandering, but if I'm
cool it." That was fine with me, and I've been
married and unabashedly monogamous for 30
like Bill Clinton. But I also have a daughter
age, and any man who would do something
like what's been alleged to his family repulses

We've heard all week from Clinton supporters
say even if Lewinsky and Clinton were involved
what? His sex life is none of our business.

This is utter nonsense. We don't need a President
who recklessly exposes himself, as JFK did,
blackmail or national security breaches. It's
unprofessional AND unacceptable — like a high
school teacher dating a student. In locker-room
such immature behavior is called "thinking with
(bleep)."

So spare me the "what someone does in their
private life is their own business" routine. We're
talking about the President here, not a supermarket
manager. It does matter. Plus, I'm just old-fashioned
enough to want a President who's both a politician
a moral leader, an example to children. (Such people
have been in short supply of late).

And also, please spare me the line about what
repressed and puritanical country this is. Juvenile
certainly. Repressed, probably. But I've lived in
supposedly more enlightened places like France
I'm not comfortable, either, with a country in which
both the late President's wife AND his mistress
his funeral. Yes, in many ways Europeans ARE
mature about sex than Americans. But in many
they're just as screwed up.

KGO talk host **Ronn Owens** is right: If he's
the truth about Lewinsky, Clinton could have put
whole thing behind him by calling a two-hour,
holds-barred press conference. Instead, he's
surrounded himself with lawyers.

After Clinton's angry denial of an affair with
Lewinsky Monday, Owens added, "He said the
thing with Gennifer Flowers. Why should we believe
him now?" Owens also voted for Clinton twice,
also like myself, he's a political moderate.

So, all you fellow Clinton voters, don't blame
affair on the press. Blame Clinton's past behavior
created this mistrust about his personal life —
Lewinsky's stories on the phone about him to
Tripp prove untrue. It clearly isn't a pleasant
experience for many veteran reporters to go into
alleged sexual details of Clinton-Lewinsky.

Clinton seems to me to have lost the trust
of middle America. That, and not the press, not
the courts, are what will ultimately bring him
Sorry to use the old cliche, but it's still true: The
media is just the messenger bringing all this bad
sordid news. Overall and despite some exceptions
been doing a fairly responsible job.

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REAL ESTATE FORUM

BOB BLUMBERG

don't remember how or when it an.

erhaps it was in an office meet- Or perhaps it was just one of e thousands of times we were g around talking shop.

was about 12 years ago. Home- ess was an issue just emerging he public's consciousness. le were appearing on Shattuck Solano avenues asking for food money. Unheard of!

Here we e, helping le buy and omes every and home- ness was ing in our commu- As agents, could we

> **The people who run these organizations deserve not only our financial support, but our gratitude as well.**

Someone mentioned that if we ibuted even a small amount – e $10 or $20 from each com- on – we could come up with a sizable chunk by the end of ar. Somehow, we weren't sure how, we thought that might

e math was impressive: sev- hundred sites a year. Not too y. It was even better if Red could make matching contri- ns from its share of each com- on. Ka-ching!

e idea caught on. Some agents d up immediately, others d more slowly, but soon most gents were on board. By the f the year, we had about $4,000 nate. But to whom?

committee of agents and own- as formed, dubbed ROOF: Red Opportunity Fund. The committee determined that the contributions should go to organizations which did not otherwise receive heavy funding.

The committee felt that, in addition to decent housing, good education was a major contributor to the quality of life in our community. (Many of our agents are former public school teachers.)

We decided that 25 percent of ROOF funds would go to housing organizations, 25 percent would go to education, and the remaining 50 percent would be discretionary. Committee members made recommendations based on their own connections and preferences. We examined solicitations received during the year.

In the first years, ROOF simply mailed checks and letters to the recipients. The response was gracious and heartfelt. We received phone calls, letters, and visits from grateful volunteers, expressing their thanks for our support. We in turn thanked them for their dedicated work.

After several years, the fund and its circle of recipients grew. The committee decided that it was important for the recipients to meet one another. We held our first ROOF award ceremony four years ago at Red Oak, inviting our friends and clients to participate. Several of my clients not only attended, but, even though this was not the intent, by the end of the evening, they made their own personal contribution.

I was not prepared for the experience. I was profoundly moved. I met and talked face to face with people who spent their days quietly working to help others, without a lot of recognition, and certainly not much in they way of monetary rewards. I admired them instantly. When they got up to tell their stories, everyone in the room got a glimpse of a life they did not know much about.

To me, the most moving part of the evening was that, though they all needed and appreciated the money, what seemed to be most important was the recognition. To receive a check, unsolicited, from a group of business people, meant that someone "out there" had noticed their work. Some seemed somewhat incredulous. Over and over again, the recipients expressed their thanks not only for the funds, but for just being aware.

This year's ROOF awards ceremony was held recently at the Berkeley Association of Realtors, which donated the meeting room for the event. With this year's contributions of approximately $12,000, ROOF has contributed more than $100,000 over the past 12 years. I am very proud of our agents.

What happens to the funds?

• The Woman's Daytime Drop-in Center provides assistance for homeless and abused women and children.

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• Christmas in April renovates homes for the elderly and infirm who cannot afford to maintain their properties.

• The education associations of Berkeley, Albany, and West Contra Costa County provide teacher mini-grants, after school enrichment pro-

See BLUMBERG, page 24

Jeff Lindquist

Some of this year's recipients of Red Oak Realty's 1998 ROOF Awards take a moment with Red Oak's owners. In the front row from left to right are Robert Powell (Trips for Kids), Marsha Skinner (Albany Education Fund), Sally Outis (Albany Education Foundation), Rebecca Wheat (Columbus School), Susan Wittenberg (West County Public Education Foundation), Jewel Okawachi (Albany Education Foundation) and Bob Blumberg (Red Oak Realty). From left right in the back row are Kent Stewart (Cazadero Performing Arts Camp), Patrick Leaper (Red Oak Realty), Ron Talber (BOSS —Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency), Joy Clinton, (Women's Daytime Drop-In Center) Jane Taylor (Friends of the Kensington Library), Judy Simmons and Peter Campbell (Red Oak Realty).

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Waxing ethereal: useless material

TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 227 in a series of true experiences in real estate

A friend once told me about a man whose house burned down with everything he owned in it. When I expressed sympathy, my friend assured me that the man was relieved by his loss. He was glad to be suddenly free of his belongings. Shortly after the fire he bought a camper, lashed a new motorcycle to the back and hit the road.

That's all I know about the story. Maybe the man replaced some clothes and blankets, a few books, got a new frying pan; maybe he is still traveling. Or maybe by now he's bought another house and is filling it up with all sorts of things again.

To some degree we are all slaves to our belongings. We lock them up, insure them, keep them out of the rain.

Sometimes, depending on their value to ourselves and others, we pay to keep them in vaults and safe-deposit boxes. We install alarms, lighting systems and locked gates on our property; some hire security guards.

We bring things home piecemeal; use, display, stash them. It doesn't take long to fill space. Sometimes we clean out, sort through our things because the clutter is bothering us or because we're moving. We may discard items; others will be taken to the garage, basement or attic. Or we'll rent a storage unit and house all our excess there.

A lot of the time we don't have any idea what we've got. Not everything we save is valuable, of course, not even to us. We save things we think we might find a use for someday, papers and books we might read sometime, things belonging to someone else that we're keeping for them.

Years ago I worked for a man who had stacks of junk mail on his desk and around it on the floor. Once a year when he went on vacation he actually went to the trouble of taking it all with him. He intended to read it, now that he had time, because there might be something he wouldn't want to miss. Every year he'd return from his trip, the mail still unopened.

To some degree, we are all slaves to our belongings. We lock them up, insure them and keep them out of the rain.

We've known a number of pack rats who save everything. From top to bottom, their houses are so filled with stuff that floors, walls, even ceilings are no longer visible. We've seen rooms that are full to the door, making entry, even one step inside, impossible.

At least one collector whose house we were in seemed to own quite nice things, although we were not able to see most of them because the majority was contained in cardboard box towers. Probably 90 percent of the living space in that house was taken up with boxes. It was hard to find a place to sit.

For years after seeing this, I had visions of the grandest garage sale of them all. I tried in vain to estimate what would be involved in unpacking, pricing and displaying every item and I was dazzled by my own guesses of what the total receipts of such a sale might be.

But most pack rats keep stuff that no one else wants. As far as I know, except for the recycling market, no one seeks large quantities of cardboard egg crates, Styrofoam meat trays, newspapers and jars. Yet we see living spaces with all of these plus astonishing amounts of what can best be termed "possibly useful parts of things."

Pieces of machinery, cars, appliances — but seldom the whole of any. The parts spill out of aluminum pie plates, plastic plant saucers, sagging shoe boxes. The items have certainly not been catalogued; a single bowl will contain 50 different, unrelated objects. Surprisingly often, the entire grouping is soggy, wet from above or below, or both. I suppose because collecting takes up time that might be spent on house

See TARPOFF, page 22

Prudential manager named WCCAR Realtor of the Year

Marcia J. Schwartz, manager of the El Cerrito Prudential California Realty office (formerly Mason-McDuffie Real Estate), was named 1997 Realtor of the Year by the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors (WCCAR) at its Inaugural Luncheon held recently at Hs Lordship's Restaurant in Berkeley.

This prestigious award is presented to Realtors by their peers based on their participation in the local association, their professionalism, their community service and civic participation.

Schwartz began her real estate career as a sales associate in 1987 in Mason McDuffie's Berkeley North office where she was a multi-million dollar producer.

A graduate of Mason-McDuffie's Leadership Program, Schwartz was named manager of the company's Castro Valley office in 1992. In 1994, Schwartz transferred as manager to the El Cerrito office.

The El Cerrito office is now home to three Realtors of the Year. Schwartz for 1997, Randy Morton 1996 and Alice La Place 1990.

A former elementary school teacher and Hastings School of Law student, Schwartz serves on the board of directors of the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors and is a former Vice-President of Membership. She is also a former board of directors member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Randy Morton, left, 1996 Realtor of the Year presents the 1 Realtor of the Year plaque to Marcia J. Schwartz.

In 1992, Schwartz helped found the Mason-McDuffie Education Foundation.

The Education Foundation is a tax-exempt non-profit organization which honors exceptional educators in the Public Schools with unrestricted $500 cash grants.

Since 1992, the Foundation has acknowledged 240 teachers with grants totaling $120,000.

Most of the monies are by Prudential California Re sales associates who do sums from their closed actions. The company shares in these donations.

Present at the Realtor of Year presentation was L LeRoy, general sales man for Prudential California alty.

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AGENT OF THE WEEK - MARSHA QUICK

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Agent Marsha Quick (left) with new homeowner Melisa Wood

SATISFIED BUYER OF THE WEEK - MELISA WOOD

"I attended Marsha's seminar for first-time home buyers where she demystified homebuying from financing to retrofitting and RECO! In spite of this brutal market the whole process was void of any pressure to overbid or overextend myself. It was very comfortable and fun to work with her and we found a great house with all my space requirements in the right neighborhood, for less money than I had planned to spend. Now, the only drawback to owning a home is that I don't get to talk to Marsha every week!"

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I began climbing the stairs, I o recall where I had heard that own a house with a lot of stairs front door, you will live 10 longer (or if you don't live , it will seem like it!).

wasn't worried that I would be less when I got to the top of the irs, but it seemed like a couple s of tennis every day was the alent of climbing the three sets irs to the main entrance of the

nocked on the door and when ly of the house opened it, the ned, albeit moderately. I thought the long climb might have af- d me in some way that I was not of – was I foaming at the mouth splaying some other signs of s? However, the scream had g to do with me.

she opened the door, she had d upon the expanse of rolled– d commencing life as her front and seen the sod rolled back by rned out to be raccoons search- the grubs beneath the sod in octurnal dining forays (the rac- not the grubs').

quickly apologized and ex- d that the raccoons had consti- an ongoing problem and said he had placed netting over the keep the animals from rolling d up before it had a chance to ly root.

said she had figured that the were set well enough, but obvi- he was wrong, or had underes- d the determination of the rac- in the face of a midnight grub

The reason that she had called me was that she had read about my fire research and wanted an opinion about how to make the area below the deck in front of the house fire resistant. The deck had been built, but she was experiencing grief from the city – the building permit remained open until she could install one–hour fireproofing below the deck, hence my visit.

As I looked down at the deck from the vantage point of the main entrance, fighting dizzyness from the nearly vertical drop from the top to the bottom of the stairs, I suggested that we start with the problems where we were – the main entrance area – and work our way through the problems, starting with those inside the house.

She said that she heard the noise of water running during the night, which was worrisome, and wondered what would cause this noise. She had surmised that it was water, but calling the water department had resulted in a dead end. They told her that their responsibility ended at her property – what she had was a plumbing problem.

I asked her if the sound was that of water running as if a faucet was open or if it was different noise. She said that the sound was not that of a faucet, but that she didn't know exactly what it was.

At this point, we adjourned to the laundry room. The homeowner said that, knowing there was a leak behind the washer, she had already tightened the hose bib connection. I pulled the washer away from the wall, and she pointed out that there had been a few drops on the floor. I suggested that the leak was not serious enough to create a serious leak or a noticeable noise.

Next: the bathroom. I turned one of the faucets on, and I noticed a lot of air coming out, in addition to the water. The house being so high on the hill meant that the water for the various faucets had to be pushed up the pipes; by the time it got to the bathroom there was hardly enough pressure to hold the water at the faucet.

The faucet in the kitchen, located a story below the bath, dripped constantly, she told me. I theorized that maybe the air in the lines of the upstairs bathroom was due to the leak caused by the defective faucet in the kitchen. As it dripped, it would drain the line, and the house water pressure would try to refill the line. This could be the cause of the noise in the night.

I said that the faucet in the kitchen should be fixed in any eventuality, as dripping faucets waste precious water. Fixing the faucet might remove the noise in the night.

We then exited the house and descended the outside stairs to the mother–in–law unit below the main part of the house. Going through the unit, we went into the crawl–space beneath the upper unit. A slide created by excessive water under the house had happened the previous year, and the homeowner had hired a contractor to come in to install a foundation and a drainage system in the crawl–space where we were. The foundation was intended to expand the mother–in–law unit and the drainage system was to take care of the water problem and prevent further slides.

Apparently, the contractor hired was not the low bidder but the medium bidder – he had represented himself as a contractor–engineer.

When it became apparent that much of what he was doing was not correct, the homeowner told him to leave the job. The contractor then filed a lien against the property for the unpaid balance of the contract between himself and the homeowner. He had not gotten a permit and did not have appropriate plans for the downstairs foundation and drainage system. It could be that all of the work done by the contractor would have to be torn out and started anew.

I suggested that we again go outside to examine the deck. Once I set foot on the deck, I was struck by the proximity of the PG&E service line for the house; I could touch the wires from where I stood on the deck, and I am only average size, not Gulliver.

There would be a fair amount of electrical work to raise the cables so that they would not interfere with the deck. Also, a tree had been left in the middle of the deck, an interesting idea which the homeowners had thought of as charming and artistic. However, saplings quickly become mighty oaks, so to speak, and this tree was well on its way to village oak status.

The city, while complaining of the need for a fire wall below the deck, had not said anything about the tree, even though the tree did pose a definite fire hazard. I found this ironic. I also found it ironic that the city had not said anything about the shaky handrail around the deck, even though the inadequate rail posed a palpable danger to life and limb. The city was fixated on the fire installation to the exclusion of other hazards, it seemed.

When I asked the homeowner about who had installed the deck, she said that it was her older brother, a contractor who lives and works in Oregon. He had also been involved in the foundation work beneath the house. However, being her older brother apparently did not confer upon him the knowledge and skill to do what was necessary at her house. In addition, it turns out that what she paid her brother was not a bargain – he charged a lot for his services.

What did this homeowner learn from her recent homeowner experiences?

• Keep the netting in place to discourage the raccoons or leave a platter of fresh fish for them every night.

• Thoroughly check out a contractor before the job starts – it's easier to change a contractor before work starts than to live with a lien on your house and possibly have to live through doing the work over.

• A contractor who is your older brother is not necessarily the best person for your project.

Stay tuned – maybe the faucet is the source of the noise in the night. That we can get rid of – we're not sure about the raccoons.

Don Pearman is a contractor and author of "The Termite Report: How to Save Your Home from Pests, Rot and Earthquakes." Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland Ca 94602. Phone: 530–9444 Fax: 530–9455

Jean Auka joins Berkeley Hills

Berkeley Hills Realty co-owner Peter Damm has announced that Jean Shirley Auka has joined the company. She has 15 years experience in Berkeley-area real estate.

"We are very pleased to welcome Jean Auka to Berkeley Hills," said Damm. "She is an extraordinary person who commands great respect. Her exemplary ethics, professional expertise and true concern for her clients have earned her reputation as on of the best agents in town."

In addition to her real estate career, Jean has worked for the Berkeley Association of Realtors. She has been on the Multiple Listing Service Board of Directors for 10 years, and served as the MLS president in 1994.

Jean was a California Association of Realtors director in 1994 and an East Bay regional director in 1993 and 1994. In 1990 she received the Realtor Associate of the Year award from the Berkeley Association of Realtors.

Jean Auka

She grew up in San Francisco and received her BA degree from UC Berkeley. Jean specializes in residential properties in Berkeley, Kensington, El Cerrito and Albany.

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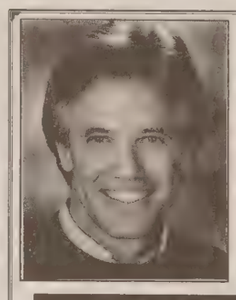

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Discrimination still widespread

By H. W. Moss

Discrimination is a dirty word and in real estate it is generally unlawful. The list of enfranchised people who are not to be discriminated against has grown to include children, the disabled, either sex and anyone based on marital status or sexual orientation.

It has long been constitutionally illegal to discriminate against someone on the basis of race, national origin, creed or color but there are exemptions. If a homeowners keeps silent and do not advertise or use a Realtor, they may, in theory, select tenants on any basis they like.

Furthermore, not all of the above protected classes are covered under the same ordinances because federal, state and local laws vary. This may result in a dispute over who is and who is not exempt from antidiscriminatory laws.

For example, small landlords may be exempt from federal prosecution if they fit very specific categories. But they may not be exempt from state law under those same exemptions.In addition to landlords, another question has to do with

roommates. Must roommates comply with antidiscriminatory laws?

"Yes," said Pedro Ruiz, San Francisco's rent board supervisor. "If the master tenant is doing the renting, tenants acting as landlords must follow any local, state and federal law."

"No," said Don Hesse, a coordinator with the Human Rights Commission, in response to the same question. He referred to a legal loophole known as Mrs. Murphy's Boarding House Exemption.

"As a general rule, most roommate situations are not covered because most federal and state laws have exemptions for the small owner and for three units and less," Hesse said.

"Maybe," said Jeff Jackson, Equal Opportunities Specialist at HUD's Office of Fair Housing in San Francisco. "What permits a roommate to file a housing discrimination complaint in one of seven protected classes, is differential treatment. It depends on the situation, but we would accept the complaint to investigate." Jackson admits, however, that the very small property owner may be exempt.

"We can't touch them, mostly, if they own three or fewer rental units whether or not they live in them," said Jackson. "But there is a whole series of things they must do to be exempt.

For instance, they can't advertise or have a real estate professional handle the rental."

The question of roommate compliance with antidiscriminatory laws is posited mainly in theory because there are few accusations."There are almost zero complaints," Hesse said. "I cannot think of a time when we had a complaint in San Francisco. Why that is, I don't know."

The answer may lie in the fact that there is a trend toward nondiscrimination. This was revealed recently when a Berkeley firm, Michael St. John and Associates, statistically analyzed census data from 1980 and 1990 while identifying trends in housing. Surprisingly, discrimination did not appear to be a factor in rental practices.

"We don't see a pattern on the issue of ethnicity and rent control," St. John said. "What that means is landlords are not discriminating on the basis of ethnicity or national origin."

Hesse pointed out that although discriminating against children is illegal under federal, state and local laws, there is no federal law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. He said there is a San Francisco city law and there may be a state law prohibiting making a decision based solely on a person's sexual proclivity.

Another example of the difference between state and federal law with regard to discriminatory practices is marital status. California prohibits discrimination based on marital status; Federal law does not have comparable classifications.

And when rooms are rented by a homeowner or a master tenant, that may sidestep other antidiscriminatory laws. "The one big exception, as I understand it, is as it relates to advertising," Hesse said. "There are laws that prohibit discriminatory advertising and it's these laws that apply to a roommate situation.

"This does not make sense," Hesse said, "You can discriminate against roommates but you can't advertise in a discriminatory fashion. You cannot put an ad in the news paper that says looking for roommates, no women, no blacks, no handicapped people. The ad on its face is illegal and I'm pretty sure the newspapers wouldn't accept it."

Jackson at HUD agreed. Under The Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (as amended), some sets of landlords, which would include master tenants, are exemptunless they make a discriminatory oral statement or utilize the services of a Realtor or an agent to market the

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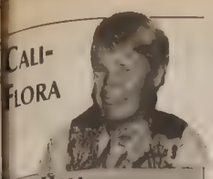

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JAN HALL

The longer one lives, the more one realizes that there are few hard and fast rules. Many people are convinced that fall is the best season to plant. The reasoning is that with the oncoming rainy season there will be plenty of water to initiate growth.

The best time to plant California natives may be in the fall, but for all those imported plants from across the globe. California natives have a number of different adaptations to survive the long, hot dry spell that of our late spring, summer and fall.

With the onset of the winter rains, the natives come out of a long dormancy and enter their growing season. Natives generally bloom and produce seed in the early spring and then go back into a slow growth until the next rainy season.

Two natives that are well adapted to long dry spells are the Aesculus californica (California buckeye) and Trichostema lanatum (woolly blue curls).

The buckeye, a small tree or large shrub related to the chestnut, has a spectacular bloom of creamy white, fragrant flowers displayed in an upright fashion in early spring.

Once ground water becomes unavailable the buckeye drops its leaves – even as early as the end of July – and then goes dormant until the next rainy season.

Woolly blue curls, an evergreen shrub, produces fuzzy blue flowers for most of the summer and into the fall when spent blossoms are deadheaded. If you dare to give water to blue woolly it will promptly drop dead, the only water it wants is that provided by Mother Nature.

When it comes to the vast number of nonnatives that we utilize in our landscape the best time to plant is the spring. Many nonnatives need to have water throughout their growing season, which encompasses spring, summer and early fall.

When we talk about plant growth you have to consider growth of roots, stems and leaves. You must also keep in mind that there will be no stem or leaf growth if the roots have not grown adequately.

Root growth and root health portends the growth and health of the rest of the plant. Warm soil, adequate moisture and nutrients will insure root growth and maximum root function.

Fall and winter are marked by cooler air temperatures which means cooler soil temperatures. With lower temperatures beneficial bacteria and fungi activity slows. Many of these organisms provide needed nutrients to plants.

Fewer available nutrients means less growth. Cooler temperatures also slows transpiration in a plant and with lower transpiration there is lower intake of nutrients by plant roots.

A newly planted shrub, tree, perennial or annual will produce no above ground growth until the roots have become well established. Damage to the roots while planting means the above ground growth will be further delayed until the damage is repaired and the roots become established. Warm soil, adequate moisture, nutrients and more than 10 hours of sunlight are optimum for that root development.

In the fall and winter the days are shorter and the plants undergo photosynthesis at a slower rate than during their growing season. That means less energy and food is available to the plant for growth and repair.

The best time to plant is dependent on the specific plant you are adding to your landscape. Consider the plants origin. Organisms, be they plant or animal, are adapted to specific environments and the more we replicate the environmental needs of a plant, the better it will perform in our landscape.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

Caring for cacti

By Buzz Bertilero

Q: I received a Christmas Cactus plant but do not know how to care for it. Could you help me out with information about watering, fertilizer, etc.?

A. Christmas Cacti, are very easy to grow. They do best indoors in an area that gets lots of indirect light. They do poorly in hot dry rooms. Feed them monthly with a mild house plant fertilizer from February through August.

Christmas Cactus is rooted easily from cuttings by snapping off sections at the joint and sticking it in the moist soil. Be sure they are in well draining potting soil as they suffer from overwatering. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas Cacti are the same variety, Schlumbergia truncata. They have a different common name based on which holiday period they come to market.

To ensure a good bloom set, keep the plant cool at night 50-55 degrees and give them 30 days of 12 to 14 hours of darkness. This is called the short day treatment.

Cover the plants at dinner time with a sealed box and uncover them at breakfast; lengthen the time between watering.

Extend the period between watering during the bud set period as they are dormant at this time. For a Thanksgiving bloom cover during Oct. and Nov. for Christmas blooming otherwise they will bloom later. The combination of the short days, cool night temperatures and minimal water will result in a good bloom set.

Q: I would like to know how to dwarf and graft fruit trees.

A: A commercial fruit grower will use a dwarf rooting stock to keep fruit trees at the dwarf stage.

This is done by budding a desired variety on the appropriate rootstock. There are many different rootstocks that a grower can use.

Some are nematode resistant while others will tolerate heavy soils.

A grower can bud the same variety on several different rootstocks depending on where the trees are going to be grown.

For the home gardener, dwarf varieties are available and pruning is the best method of keeping fruit trees small.

It is more difficult to keep established fruit bearing trees at the dwarf stage as the severe pruning will interfere with the yield for several years but it can be done.

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The furnished models and sales information center are open weekdays, except Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5:30 p.m.

From I-580 in Oakland take the Grand Avenue exit; turn right on Grand and continue one-half mile to Perkins; turn left on Perkins to Park Bellevue Tower on Lake Merritt.

For additional information, call 433-1900, or visit Park Bellevue Tower's website at parkbellevue.com.

Freddie Mac sees strong market ahea

Freddie Mac economists predict a slower, but still robust housing market in the first quarter of 1998. Both housing sales and starts are expected to slow somewhat in the coming months, but Freddie Mac anticipates the numbers will again settle at relatively high levels. Affordable interest rates and home price appreciation will spur activity in the housing market, which will, in turn, offset the slowdown in the economy.

The most important underlying factor for interest rates is the low level of inflation, and the market consensus is that it will stay low. "If inflation stays around 2 percent, large moves in long-term rates are very unlikely," said Freddie Mac chief economist Robert Van Order. "Investment moves into and out of Asia will cause rates to fluctuate, but probably by less than 50 basis points either way over the next year."

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— ROBERT VAN ORDER.

The outlook for house price growth remains rosy for 1998."Freddie Mac's first quarter housing market forecast sees home prices growing faster than inflation at close to a 4-percent rate nationally," said Van Order.

Additionally, mortgage originations are expected to increase sharply because of the refinancing boom caused by the current low interest rates. "The refinancing share of the market will be percent at first, and close to the rest of the year," said V der. "Along with a strong market, this should lead to ond strongest origination history, with loan originatio haps as high as $950 billion.

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When remodeling corners are key

Re-Design

Janet Halliburton

"What's a beautiful room. But I have nice things like that to with." I hear it all the time. these people don't know is of the most important con- of interior design is the art of ment or arrangement.

quality of furniture a person is not as important as where furniture is placed. Correct ment brings harmony to a and harmony makes a room

fine painting can look very active if hung on the wrong next to the wrong furniture. On other hand, an inexpensive can unify an entire room if it in just the right spot and can contribute to the elegance of a

this column and future col- will discuss the art of place- with respect to home furniture furnishings. We will look at focal points, mantles and china cabinets and bookcases. will study every room of the even hallways.

tance of Ballance, ionships and Lines

three most important ele- in placement and design are balance, relationship and lines.

Balance is harmony. Ideally, weight, height, size and colors balance each other in a room.

Nothing should be placed in a room without consideration of the relationship. Does the color, size, texture, shape or theme relate to whatever is nearby? Even in a china cabinet or bookcase where items can be very small, everything should relate.

Every object has a line or shape to it. Lines must vary, but in the right proportion, neither too high nor too low, and neither too plain nor too fussy, depending on the relationship to other objects, in order to achieve balance.

The Thread That Runs Through Our Lives

One of my objectives in writing this column is to give homeowners more confidence in following their instincts when selecting furnishings for their homes.

When a person buys new furniture it will complement existing furniture because we are always attracted to things that relate to what we already have.

Like a thread that runs through our lives, something bought today relates to what we bought ten years ago, either in color, shape, texture or theme. The trick is to find how the pieces relate so that they can be placed where they best complement one another.

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People are confused about interior design. Many know their homes don't look as good as they could look, and they know this even after they've spent thousands of dollars on furniture.

They want their homes to reflect their own styles and personalities and therefore try to decorate by themselves. "Anyone should be able to match color and style" they tell themselves. This column is for everyone who wants to do his own decorating, but would like a little guidance on the subject.

The Most Important Corner

Surprisingly, the first thing we notice upon entering any space is not what is directly in front of us. Our natural instinct is to look diagonally to the right or left, not straight ahead. Try it yourself.

Therefore the corner situated diagonally from the entrance, either to our right or to our left, is the Most Important Corner.

This corner equals the entrance in importance. We might call this corner an extended entrance where the visitor forms a first impression of you and your tastes.

Therefore, the television, clutter or insignificant art and furnishings do not belong in the Most Important Corner.

Your prettiest chair and lamp or perhaps a distinguished piece of art hung over a table do belong in this corner.

As to where to put the TV, we'll discuss that problem in a later column.

Eileen Halliburton is the owner of Re-Designs which specializes in complete room design with existing furnishings. She can be reached at 763-1829; her e-mail is Ehredesign @aol.com.

Red Cross tax cut

Often people find they can enjoy significant tax and financial benefits — along with the satisfaction of giving back to their community — by contributing to their favorite charities. The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter offers these timely tips to help ease the tax bite.

Reduce your income tax

Make a gift to charity. The simplest way to give is to write a check. If you itemize, the amount of your gift can be a charitable deduction on your income tax return. If you can not use the full amount of the deduction this year, you can use it over the next five years. In addition, the charity can use your gift immediately to support it's vital work.

Lock in market values

While the 1997 Tax Act has reduced capital-gains tax from 28 to 20 percent for securities held for more than 18 months, the 20 percent tax is still a significant part of your earnings.

You can completely avoid the federal capital gains tax on your appreciated stocks and securities by using these securities to make a gift to charity.

For example, Mrs. Ward bought some stock a few years ago for $4,000. It is now worth $10,000. If she sells her stock, Mrs. Ward will have to pay $1,200 in capital gains tax on her profit of $6,000. However, if Mrs. Ward donates that stock to the Red Cross, she will completely avoid the tax on her profit and receive a tax deduction of $10,000 — the full current stock value.

If she had owned stock that had gone down in value, she can have sold it and taken a capital-loss deduction. She could then have donated the proceeds to charity and received a charitable gift deduction, too.

Receive income for life

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In addition, some of the annuity income is tax-free. Rates are based on your age. If you fund a gift annuity with appreciated securities, the value is secured even if the market drops.

If you are holding real estate, say a second home or investment property, you can completely avoid capital gains taxes on your profit while creating new income with a charitable trust.

The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter helps fill the needs of local disaster victims in the five-county region of Alameda, Contra Costs, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo. From homelessness prevention and first aid, CPR and earthquake preparedness classes to providing emergency shelter, food and medical services to the victims of house fires, floods and earthquakes, the Red Cross is here in our community.

The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter offers free advice and brochures on saving taxes with appreciated securities, charitable gift annuities, and charitable trusts.

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146 Lawrence Rd. $335,000
107 Orr Rd. $281,000
125 Oyster Pond Rd. $510,000
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920 Regent St. $233,000
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9 Stonington Point $423,000
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216 Sweet Rd. $454,000
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5911 Monzal Ave. $525,000
2962 Morcom Ave. $121,500
5847 Nottingham Dr. $262,500
6780 Oakwood Dr. $449,500
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7030 Snake Rd. $331,500
1023 Stanford Ave. $95,000
4304 Steele St. $155,000
34 Tate Terrace $335,000
5333 Thomas Ave. $349,000
1175 Trestle Glen Rd. $305,000
2548 Wakefield Ave. $110,000
4817 Walnut St. $139,000
9416 Walnut St. $90,000
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7401 Weld St. $115,000
3317 Wyman St. $133,500
811 York St. $127,000
PIEDMONT
129 Bonita Ave. $880,000
325 Howard Ave. $372,000
41 King Ave. $895,000
310 Magnolia Ave. $293,000
501 Moraga Ave. $315,000
1800 Mountain Blvd. $300,000
238 Palm Dr. $328,000
219 Ramona Ave. $803,000
37 Sharon Ave. $735,000
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1716 2nd St. $80,000
673 40th St. $132,500
2707 Center Ave. $98,500
3905 Clinton Ave. $130,000
323 Commodore Dr. $82,000
608 Commodore Dr. $170,000
430 Dimm St. $192,000
450 Dimm St. $109,000
1718 Esmond Ave. $133,000
3320 Esmond Ave. $155,000
2349 Lincoln Ave. $80,000
246 South 17th St. $80,000
3745 Stoneglen $105,000
3762 Stoneglen $92,000
SAN LEANDRO
1651 159th Ave. $165,500
1317 Belding St. $474,500
1903 Bradhoff Ave. $169,000
15262 Central Ave. $142,500
916 Frederick Rd. $175,000
2521 Galleon Pl. #126 $147,000
1491 Green Ct. $124,000
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957 Lee Ave. $289,000
2032 Luna Ave. $80,000
15771 Maubert Ave. $138,000
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1239 Pierce Ave. $142,000
14027 Reed Ave. $131,000
874 Rodney Dr. $220,000
SAN LORENZO
16281 Galway Ct. $151,500
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16138 Via Alamitos $174,500
16188 Via Conejo $165,000
17232 Via Melina $155,000
17471 Via Segundo $160,000

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ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST PRICE: $ 97,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $636,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $334,392
ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: $145,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $535,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $231,928
BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: $135,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $640,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $286,321
EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: $100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $327,500
AVERAGE PRICE: $239,500
EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $ 63,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $169,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $116,250
KENSINGTON
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: $395,000
OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 82
LOWEST PRICE: $ 80[illegible]
HIGHEST PRICE: $75[illegible]
AVERAGE PRICE: $23[illegible]
PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: $2[illegible]
HIGHEST PRICE: $89[illegible]
AVERAGE PRICE: $36[illegible]
RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: $ 80[illegible]
HIGHEST PRICE: $192[illegible]
AVERAGE PRICE: $11[illegible]
SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST PRICE: $ 80[illegible]
HIGHEST PRICE: $474[illegible]
AVERAGE PRICE: $1[illegible]
SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: $151[illegible]
HIGHEST PRICE: $174[illegible]
AVERAGE PRICE: $16[illegible]

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repairs.

We met a delightful couple once whose house was very full, mostly with papers and books. There wasn't much furniture and what there was didn't seem to have been deliberately placed. Although they had lived in the house for more than 20 years, it looked as though they had transferred everything they owned from somewhere else in a hurry and left it where it was first laid down. These people knew very well that they had much to contend with. Because they were planning to sell their house, they thought they'd better begin.

After hacking away at it for some months with little progress, they resorted to renting a storage unit, filling boxes with whatever was close at hand and moving the boxes to storage. Their plan was to clear it out, sell the house, then unpack a box at a time, sort out the contents and discard the excess. In the end they rented, I think I remember, six separate storage spaces. I don't believe they ever took anything out to look at again.

Twenty-plus years ago I met my husband when he was putting his recently built house on the market. The house contained an oversized garage and workshop in which he had stored two vehicles (one was in pieces), a boat for water skiing, numerous tools and sports equipment.

By luck, I knew of a smallish warehouse for rent to which he moved everything from his garage. After we got married, we moved many an item into the warehouse where each was forgotten. Out of sight, out of mind, I said, although occasionally the thought of so many stored-for-another-day-items became pretty scary. I told my husband that if he died before I did, I was going to give the warehouse key to a hauler and just let him take it all.

The years passed and the monthly rent on the space rose from around $75 to $160. Several years ago when we separated, my husband decided it was costing him a lot of money to store things he was probably never going to need, so he emptied out the warehouse. It must have been a formidable task. The only thing he brought me from the collection was a baby buggy. I hadn't missed it; nor have I thought of anything else I might have once stored there.

I estimate that it cost us around $30,000 for storage rent. We might have gone to Europe a bunch of times instead. Or bought new, good stuff.

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SAN LEANDRO
OPEN SUN. 2-4 – 14001 SEAGATE. 2 BD, 2 BA. $169,900
NEW LISTING! 14165 SEAGATE. 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA. $182,000
NEW LISTI[illegible] PENDING **TRIGGER.** 3 BD, 2 1/2 [illegible] $162,000
14632 OUT[illegible] PENDING BD, 2 BA. $154,000
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4809 REINHARDT DRIVE, OAKLAND - 5BD/3BA.....$[illegible]
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13255 CLAIRPOINTE, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2BA.....$[illegible]
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2724 MOUNTAIN BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....$[illegible]
New listing! Immaculate, all-level, nice details, large patio. Sand[illegible]
4325 DUNSMUIR, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2BA.....$[illegible]
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Under the tax laws that went effect last May 7, tax rates on ital gains have indeed been ered. Prior to May 7, 1997, g-term capital gains (assets ed for over one full year) were ed at a maximum rate of 28 cent.

Under the new law the amount tax depends on four holding ods with five different maxi- m rates.

. Short-term: an asset owned er than 12 months is 100 per- t taxable with all your other income — the highest rate is 39.6 percent.

2. Mid-term: an asset owned for 12 to 18 months is taxed at the maximum capital gains rate — 28 percent.

3. Very long-term: assets acquired after Dec. 31, 2000 and held for more than five years are taxed at the highest rate of 18 percent (8 percent for taxpayers in the 15-percent tax bracket.)

Recapture of Depreciation. When you sell a rental property that has been depreciated through the years, you have to the total amount of depreciation back in to your capital gains. This amount is now taxed at the highest rate of 25 percent.

Let's say you bought a rental property 10 years ago for $100,000, and have taken $2,000 in annual depreciation. You now sell the property for a $50,000 profit. You now have to add back the $20,000 you took for depreciation, making your gain $70,000.

The $50,000 would then be taxed at a maximum rate of 20 percent; the remaining $20,000 at a rate of 25 percent.

There's one other catch regarding long-term capital gains, the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). If you have high income and large deductions (or pay at a tax rate lower than 26 percent), you may get stuck with the AMT and still wind up paying lots of income tax.

Unfortunately, when Congress lowered the capital gains tax rates, it did nothing about loosening up or lowering the AMT. Here's how it works.

Let's take a couple with an income of $100,000 decide to take some profit. They believe that because of the new tax laws now is the time to sell, and pay only 20 percent on their long-term capital gains.

They sell and realize a $150,000 long-term capital gain. After deductions, let's say that their $250,000 gross income is adjusted to $218,864.

Under the old laws they would not have been subject to the AMT and their total tax would have been $55,926. Now under the new law, there'll be only $43,926 in tax, but our couple will be subject to $8,574 in AMT. That means their total tax savings would be only $3,426!

These same numbers would apply if they were selling real estate. The point is that because of the AMT you really can't make a lot of profit and then pay a little bit of tax. You need a "tax plan." That means taking a look at tax-deferred exchanges, installment sales and other tax shelters, maybe even investing a part of those profits in a one-way ticket to Brazil.

Dennis Kamensky is a tax accountant in Oakland. His company, The Tax Pros, specializes in "The Tax Advantages of Real Estate" and "The Tax Advantages of Being An Independent Contractor." He welcomes your real estate and tax questions. Call him at 531-6001.

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property.

There is a section of the federal law which specifically prohibits speaking out loud in a discriminatory manner."No matter who you are, if you make a discriminatory oral statement regardless of who the respondent is, that can create a hostile environment," Jackson said. "We always have jurisdiction to accept a compliant."

But even if they keep their thoughts to themselves, these same landlords or master tenants may not be exempt from prosecution under the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act thatwould have jurisdiction.

"The state has more protected classes, fewer exemption categories," Jackson said. No one disputes that discrimination does occur but Jackson said HUD is not on one side of the fence or the other.

"We're here for the landlord as well," he said. "It is complicated, especially in the realm of disabled rights. It is not difficult to explain or understand, it's just that there are lots of special provisions in the law."

He described HUD's position as a neutral fact-finding body and not an advocacy organization. Anyone, from the discriminator to the discriminatee, may contact them for information. California residents may phone (800) 347-3739 for clarification of the federal law.

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grams, and badly needed supplies to our community's public schools.

• Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency offers projects for the homeless and disabled, to help them become self sufficient.

• Camp Krem has a camp for disabled kids in the Santa Cruz mountains.

• Trips for Kids provides a day of bicycles, helmets, lunch, and adult companionship for inner city kids, including some who have never been outside the city limits.

On and on.

This year, the ROOF ceremony took up a new theme. One of the recipients timidly suggested how wonderful it would be if more of our colleagues in the real estate profession joined in making contributions for next year's awards.

Indeed, the ROOF committee had casually discussed this, but somehow the idea had not evolved to see the light of day. Although other offices do make meaningful contributions, imagine what could be accomplished if each agent in our association took a few dollars from each commission check, and in turn their respective offices matched those contributions.

Red Oak Realty's owners – Pete Campbell, Pat Leaper and I – made a commitment to solicit support for the ROOF fund from other real estate offices, or to urge them to start one of their own.

There is so much to do. The people who run these organizations and their volunteers deserve not only our financial support, but our recognition and our gratitude as well. It sounds trite, but with all the depressing nightly news reports, the fact that there are people out there who have quietly dedicated their lives to assisting others gives me a welcome dash of hope for the world.

Bob Blumberg is in his 24th year of listing and selling local real estate. He is co-owner of Red Oak Realty, Top of Solano, Berkeley. Contact him at 527-3387 (x132), or blumberg@holonet.net. And be sure to visit Red Oak's Web site redoakrealty.com and register to be notified of new multiple listings.

30-year fixed under 7%

In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 6.99 percent, with fees and points averaging 1.2 percent for the week ending January 23. While this bellwether rate continues to remain below 7 percent, it rose 10 basis points from last week's average of 6.89 percent. In the third week of Jan. 1997, the 30-year fixed averaged 7.85 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.53 percent with fees averaging 1.2 percent. This average fell 3 basis points from last week when it averaged 5.56 percent. This time last year this rate averaged 5.57 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, rose to 6.56 percent from last week's average of 6.46 percent. Fees and points averaged 1.3 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed averaged 7.35 percent.

"Mortgage rates followed Treasuries this week, and that's why we saw the modest increase in interest rates," said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac.

More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, www.freddiemac.com.

On Dec. 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for Jan. 1998 payments at 4.949 virtually unchanged from the 4.957 percent that was in effect for Dec. 1997 payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), located at 812 Page St. in Berkeley is the place to plan your dream home or the place to turn your home into a dream. BEC presents the workshop **Finding and Assessing Fixer-Uppers** by Michael Hamman from 7–10 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 29. For more information including price and location, call the BEC at 525-7610.

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Dean Witter will be holding the investment seminar **50+ Money Management** at its downtown Oakland office, One Kaiser Plaza suite. 900 on Thurs. Jan. 29. Topics will include investments and strategies for individuals 50 and older. For more information and to sign up for this free seminar, call Linda J. Schneider at 891-0594.

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On Thurs., Jan. 29 at its monthly dinner and membership meeting at Scott's Restaurant on Jack London Square, the **Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County** will be hosting mayoral candidate Jerry Brown as its guest speaker. Registration begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is $22 per person with advance reservations. Call 893-9873 for information and reservations.

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Catherine Teegarden of Diablo Funding Group presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 29 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner- occupants can buy fixed-up properties for no money down or choose their own for 5 percent down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Alternative loans for investors are also discussed. Realtors, homebuyers, nonprofit organizations and investors are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 339-1612 ext. 7 for reservations and information.

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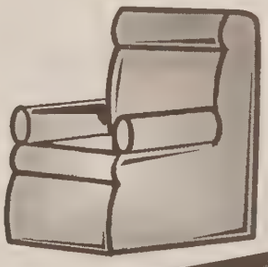

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$139,500 6470 MacARTHUR. Two townhouse-style units in good condition! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Close to Mills College. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

$174,000 3164 MADERA. Charming single-level 3 BD, 1 BA Maxwell Park bungalow! Recent exterior[illegible] PENDING newer kitchen/bath, great ya[illegible] natural wood built-ins, detached garage. Steve Sorensen 814-4888

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San Leandro

$154,000 14632 OUTRIGGER. A move-in condition 2 BD, 2 B[illegible] PENDING with fireplace. This unit come[illegible]ages, community pool, spa & ten[illegible]. Tere Lee 521-3352

$169,900 14001 SEAGATE, OPEN SUN 2-4. Former model townhome with many upgrades! 2 BD, 2 BA with Corian counters, beautiful glass cabinets, built-in bookcase, pool, spa, tennis courts, located near marina. Tere Lee 521-3352

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$895,000 525 BANCROFT. Investment op[illegible]portunity! 16-unit apartment building. Call[illegible] details. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

Hayward

$167,000 25505 COMPTON, OPEN SU[illegible] 2-4. Well-maintained 2 BD, 2 1/2 BA con[illegible] in quiet location! Fireplace, community po[illegible] & spa. One-car attached garage & 1 parke[illegible] space. John Friednch 521-8199

San Pablo

$117,000 18 VILLA. Spacious 3 BD, 1 1/[illegible] BA end-unit townhome! Freshly painted [illegible] side & new roof. Close to schools & sho[illegible]ping. Donn Gutierrez 814-4854

El Cerrito

$120,000 LOT 68 DEVONSHIRE. Prem[illegible] Breathtaking vi[illegible] PENDING in Gale & [illegible] Prestigious Art[illegible] Estates. Wa[illegible] Vista Golf Course. Steve Cressy 814-4[illegible]

San Ramon

$220,000 3252 CASA [illegible]NDE. Excell[illegible] Starter-Home [illegible] PENDING! 3 BD, 1 1/[illegible] 1-level with 2 [illegible] garage. Peter [illegible] 814-4832

Richmond

$249,000 25 BREAKERS. 3 BD, 2 1/[illegible] family room. Never lived in, used as [illegible] Immaculate condition. Tere Lee 521-3[illegible]

Redwood City

$419,000 515 REDWOOD. Investment op[illegible]portunity! Three [illegible]nent building [illegible] units are 2 BD. PENDING [illegible] recently upda[illegible] Call for details. Linda Soulages 521-3[illegible]

$597,000 310 POPLAR. Great investm[illegible] opportunity! Five unit a[illegible]ent building. Pr[illegible]fessionally ma[illegible] PENDING [illegible]ee - 2 BD, 1[illegible] BD, 1 BA units. [illegible]ase do not disturb tenan[illegible] Call for details. Linda Soulages 521-3352

Out of Area

$159,000 2645 EASTLAK[illegible] KELSEYVILLE. Buckingham Park [illegible] Clear Lake. Lo[illegible] PENDING ranch-sty[illegible] BD, 2 BA hom[illegible] family room [illegible] places, & 2-car garage. Approx [illegible] acre[illegible] natural setting with filtered view of [illegible] Margaret Lomba 521-7193

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On Sat., Feb. 7 Terry Allen, C.F.P. and Dennis Kamensky will present a free **Tax Seminar** on the newest and latest tax law changes. The seminar will be given at Scott's Restaurant in Jack London Square, Oakland. Dennis will speak about the new tax laws involving real estate, capital gains, the self-employed, and how we can use these new laws to make more money and pay less taxes. Terry will discuss the new IRAs and new investment strategies. Space is limited. For reservations Call Keri at 988-0330.

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Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present the free workshop **Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat., Feb. 7 at 1225 Solano Avenue in Albany. Rub shoulders with other women who want to buy a home. Learn about investigating your best neighborhoods, setting priorities, teaming with industry professionals and get an overview of the process. Become an educated consumer regarding loan/income qualifications and documentation, loan and interest rate choices and advertising. Learn strategies to minimize closing costs. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134.

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Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization is providing the following free workshops **Money 101**: Tues., Feb. 3, 10, 17, 6-8 p.m.. 1432 San Antonio St., Alameda. **I Hate To Budget**: Mon., Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m.. 333 Hegenberger Rd. Suite. 618, Oakland. **First Time Homebuyers Class**: Thurs., Feb 19, 6-8 p.m., 333 Hegenberger Rd. Suite. 618, Oakland. **Downsizing Your Debt**: Tue., Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m., 333 Hegenberger Rd. Suite. 618, Oakland. **I Hate To Budget**: Sat., Feb. 28, , 10 am - 12 Noon. 333 Hegenberger Rd. Suite. 618, Oakland. Registration is mandatory. Call (800) 501-SAVE, ext. 235, to reserve space.

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Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden@uclink4.berkeley.edu for more information.

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Russell Doi of the Mortgage Network hosts free **First Time Homebuyer Seminar** on an ongoing basis. Learn about the many first-time homebuyer programs available today. Find out just how much home you can afford to buy. Receive a free booklet that will help you prepare for the biggest investment you may ever make. Call 526-6554 to make reservations.

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Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product,** The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

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The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanosky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047, Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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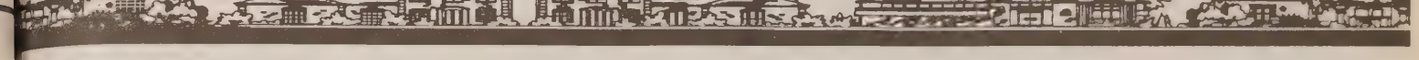

KLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

AMITO AVE, Oakland/Claremont Hills, 5/3 quality Med w/vws — $950,000
ential CA Realty 845-0211, Vicky Friedman 898-9406

RTH HILL CT, Bay vw, cul-de-sac, entry w/staircase, office — $779,000
A Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

ANCELLOR PL, Oakland/Claremont Hills, 4/2 new & unusual — $750,000
ential CA Realty 845-0211, Nancy Hoover 849-5338

RTH HILL CT, Claremont Hills, 5/4, level, SF/GG vws, decks — $735,000
Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460

BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3/3+, new listing, custom, SF vw — $735,000
Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

ELVERTON, Skyline area, pvt retreat, bay vws, pool, party rm — $680,000
ell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

ALDING LN, 4+bd/3½ba, Rockridge family home, new constr — $640,000
ential CA Realty 845-0211, Nancy Platford 898-9408

ARVIEW, Hiller, Fab vw from "top of the line" twnhm, 3bd/3ba — $639,000
ell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

ILO DR, Montclair, 5/4, new listing! cosmetic fixer, SF vws — $599,000
Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460

AMBERS LN, Bright, new, quality, 2 frpl, deck, wooded lane — $599,000
A Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4148

ARBORD, Beautiful remod 4/2½ in Upr Rockridge. Asking..... — $550,000
ee & make an offer! Marlys Gilbert, Broker 370-0552 **SUN 1-4**

STATES DR, Montclair, 3+bd/2+ba, rumpus, walk to village — $539,000
Union, Helen Danhaki 339-6460

OOD DR, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, upgraded, bay vws, gardens — $529,000
Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460

UCKINGHAM, 4+bd/3+ba sharp contemporary, 3 decks, vws — $524,000
Union, Kathleen Callahan 339-6460

OONER, Hiller, new construction, 3/3+, great views — $519,000
al CA Realty 428-0900, Candace Bennyl 898-9413

KYLINE BL, Hillcrest Estates, 4/3, 1 acre w/pool, nds TLC — $499,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

ARBORD DR, Rockridge, 5bd/3ba ranch in great location — $499,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

NCON, Montclair, 5bd/3½ba, den and aupair, partial bay vw — $479,000
Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

WAVER WAY, Hillcrest, 4/2½, nw gourmet kitchen, 2 frp — $469,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

OLDEN GATE, Rockridge, 3+/1+ trad'l, 1st open! grt yard — $469,000
Properties, Steven Biasatti 339-8900

KYLINE BL, Montclair, 3+bd/3+ba custom home — $469,000
al CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

AMPA AVE, Montclair, 4bd, rumpus, quiet st, storage — $459,000
Properties, Mel Copland 339-2109

OSVENOR PL, Crocker, 3/2½, 2 bonus rms, rich detail — $459,000
JBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

ANOVA DR, Montclair, 4bd/2+ba, spacious, bay/hill vws — $459,000
Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

ANOVA DR, Montclair, 5+bd/3ba, new listing! 4-bridge vw — $449,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

OLYROOD DR, Montclair Hills, new 3/2+, office, amenities! — $448,500
JBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

ASTLANDS DR, Montclair 4/3+, hm office, rec rm, fam rm — $445,000
Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

OGEMONT, 3bd/2½ba gem! 3 frpl, 3-car gar, garden, bay vw — $439,000
Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

EDWOOD RD, Oakland Hills, 3/2+ single level, lg lot, view! — $439,000
CA Realty 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205

ARBORD, Upr Rockridge, 3/2 magnificent Mediterranean — $425,000
al CA Realty 339-9290, Mark Ross 869-4256

KESHORE AVE, Gracious colonial, 3/2, sunroom, library — $419,000
JBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400

OOD DR, Montclair, 3+bd/2ba, sparkling custom home — $415,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

YSIAN FIELDS DR, Sequoyah, 4+bd/3½ba, huge level trad'l — $399,000
Properties, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

EDWOOD RD, Leona Pk Villas, classic 3/2½, view, 1st open — $399,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000

BROADWAY TER, Just listed! 3/2½ contemp, 4 bridge vw — $399,000
Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

HARING CROSS, Hiller, lg 3/2½ twnhs, deck, rm for office — $372,000
Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

RUNELL, SF Bay view! New listing! 5/3, rumpus, 2 frpl, 1/4ac — $365,000
Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

YLINE CIRCLE, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 and 4 bdrms — From $360,000
by Kaufman and Broad. Spectacular views of SF Bay, al trails, EZ commute. 430-9633 **MONDAY 12-6, TUES-SUN 10-6**

INHARDT Dr, 5bd/3b, custom built ranch, sep aupair, deck — $329,000
Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

WOOD, Glenview Charmer! 3bd/1½ba w/special touches — $319,000
Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174

LAIREPOINTE, Parkridge Estates, 3/2, level yd, updtd kit — $310,000
Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

ANNING DR, Montclair, 3+bd/2ba, level garden, FDR, fam rm — $309,000
Properties, Hal Castle 339-9778

LLARD, Montclair, sharp 4/2, lg decks, hot tub, walk village — $309,000
Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

WTON AVE, Rockridge, 3bd/2ba, modern kit, nr Mkt Hall — $304,000
urman Enterprises, Inc., Patrick Zimski 595-7708 **SUNDAY 1-5**

OUNTAIN BL, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, immaculate, lg patio! — $299,000
Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

WTON AV, Rockridge 3/2, 1500 sf, nr Mkt Hall/BART/frway — $299,000
urman Enterprises, Patrick Zimski 595-7708 **SUNDAY 1-5**

220 MATHER, Duplex: 2-1 bdrm mini-homes, charm! Pied Ave area — $295,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Mark Miller 644-5448

4325 DUNSMUIR, Redwood Hts, 3bd/2ba trad'l, level lot, nw listing — $259,500
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

425 ELWOOD AVE, Grand Lake, 3bd/2ba, sunny, EIK, DR, plus rm — $259,000
Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460

762 WALKER, Lake Merritt, duplex, 3/1½ and 2bd, grt owner/user — $259,000
Prudential Landmark, Bob Brunner 287-9999

1386 HOLMAN RD, Crocker, 1st open! 4/2, den or office, frpl, FDR — $255,000
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

1000 GLENDORA, Glenview, duplex, 2/1 and studio, move in cond! — $249,900
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 X242

4008 RHODA AVE, Mormon Temple area, 2+bd/1½ba, frpl, spa. — $249,000
Beautiful yd. New in-law unit. John Brockage 531-5427 **SAT & SUN 2-4:30**

10852 GOLF LINKS, 4/2 wonderful ranch! fam rm, indoor BBQ, gdn — $239,950
Kane & Associates Realtors, George Muhr 522-1853 **SAT & SUN 2-4:30**

5744 GRISBORNE, Montclair, 1+bd/1ba, super location! charm! — $229,000
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212

15 MOSS AV, Nw list! charm of yesteryear, 2+bd br shingle, fenced — $219,500
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

3930 HANLY, Oakmore, 2bd/1ba, wonderful starter! FDR, frpl, hdwd — $219,000
LaSalle Properties, Victor Fierro 832-4339

8046 CREST AVE, 2bd/2ba, hdwd floors, rumpus room, views! — $199,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, C. Fleming/B. Klein 644-5446

525 MANDANA #402, New price! 2+bd/2ba penthouse, 1692 sq ft — $189,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1716 E. 38th, New listing! 2bd/1½ba, desirable Glenview nghbrhd — $185,000
Wells & Bennett, Heidi Tuggle 531-7000 X286

5343 BROADWAY TER #306, Rockridge, 2bd/2ba, sunny unit w/vw — $185,000
of Country Club. By Owner 510-547-6808 eve/wkends; 415-954-4414 days

325 VERNON #303, Oakland 2 bedrooms, 2 baths — $160,000
Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

447 43rd ST, Temescal, Bungalow with classic features — $159,900
Prudential CA Realty, Lilia Marquez 834-2010

3124 ARIZONA ST, Laurel, 3bd/1ba fixer — $155,000
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

4200 SUTER, Charming 1 level, 3/2, lg deck, fenced yd, hdwds — $154,900
Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbiano 531-7000 X292

2732 13th AV, 3bd/2b, ready to move in/immaculate! hdwd, bsmt — $150,000
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300

5424 NORMANDIE, 1st open! 2/1, remod bath, hdwds, level yard — $149,000
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 X218

1727 MacARTHUR, 2bd/1ba, hdwd floors, FDR, move in condition — $145,000
Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Rhonda Drakeford 729-2088

555 JEAN ST #432, Rose Garden, pvt end unit, 2/1, lg balcony — $114,500
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

1109 POST ST, 2bd/1ba cozy home on large lot! — $236,000
Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Demetrius Wilson 869-3740 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

202 IRONWOOD RD, 3bd/2+ba, new listing! detached townhouse — $229,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

ALBANY Open Sunday

919 KEY ROUTE BL, 3bd/1½ba w/grt yd nr Solano, poss.ofc w/½ba — $229,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 **SUNDAY 2-5**

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

260 STONEWALL RD, Claremont, 4bd/4ba, gracious & spacious! — $759,000
LaSalle Properties, Harry Kress 531-2140

910 OXFORD, Grand 5/4 estate! fab architecture! vws! pool, gardn — $1,100,000
Templeton Company, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135

1016 AMITO AVE, Claremont Hills quality Med w/views! 5bd/3ba — $950,000
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Vicky Friedman 898-9406

2683 BUENA VISTA, 3/4½ Maybeck home, gardens, music studio — $825,000
Templeton Co. 652-2133, Paul X131, Marlene X121 **SUN 2-4**

8 CHANCELLOR PL, New & unusual 4/2 Mediterranean w/views! — $750,000
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Nancy Hoover 849-5338

3076 BUENA VISTA WAY, 4/1++. New listing. Fine 3000 sq.ft. of — $550,000
privacy & quiet. Tarpoff & Talbert, Anet Tarpoff 653-2050 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2800 KELSEY ST, 3/1+, new listing! Elmwood br shingle, sunroom — $449,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

985 SANTA BARBARA, 5bd/2ba — $439,000
Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1186 EUCLID, Contemporary 3/2+ craftsman, huge attic/office/loft — $435,000
Templeton Company, Tricia Swift 652-2133 X140 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2877 BUENA VISTA, 2/2 contemp in nghbrhd of historic homes, vw — $395,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montail 652-2133 X132 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2947 ELMWOOD CT, Br shingle, quiet cul-de-sac, 2bd, office, 3ba — $385,000
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Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

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Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 **SUNDAY 2-4**

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Coldwell Banker, Joan Barnett 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

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Harbor Bay Realty, John Friedrich 521-8199 **SUNDAY 2-4**

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Prudential CA Realty, Lorraine Osmundson 845-0200 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

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The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400

265 SANDRINGHAM, 4+bd/2½ba dramatic contemporary, level yd — $735,000
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301 HILLSIDE AVE, 4bd/3+ba, new listing! walk to schools — $659,000
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Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 **SUNDAY 2-4**

RODEO Open Sunday

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Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Rosita Thornton 273-9501 **SUNDAY 1:30-4**

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

757 CARY DR, Estudillo Estates, 2/2, upgrades, old world charm — $274,000
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

856 ARBOR DR, 3 bedrooms — $269,500
Robert Jones & Associates, Bob 357-0120 **SUNDAY 1-3**

14001 SEAGATE, 2bd/2ba former model twnhm, pool, spa, tennis — $169,900
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Ongoing

Addison Street Windows: Myth and Imagination. an exhibit of recent watercolors by Deborah Green, sponsored by the Berkeley Civic Arts Commission. At 1919 Addison St. daily through Feb. 12th, never closed; 486-8082.

Hogarth and His Times: Serious Comedy; through April 19; Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, below College Ave.; 642-0808; $6 general admission; seniors and students $4; members, UC Berkeley Students and children under 12 free.

Wayne Miller, Black Chicago, 1946-1948; through March 14; From a collection of over 500 photographs, Miller, now 78, has decided on 70 from his Chicago study of black families in the South city to exhibit at the Graduate School of Journalism, 1212 North Gate Hall, #5860, Berkeley; 642-4825, or Wayne Miller himself at 254-3984.

BACA members' showcase features eclectic selections; through Feb. 8; "You couldn't plan this kind of variety, even if you tried." A wealth of imagery. Open Wed. - Sun.; Noon to 5 p.m.; 1275 Walnut St. Berkeley Art Center, in Live Oak Park.

Human Comedy: Lithographs by Honore Daumier; through Mar. 29. An exhibition by French satirical printmaker Honore Daumier (1808-1879) at the UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive this week; at the Theater Gallery, 2626 Bancroft Way. Call 642-0808 for more info.

An exhibit of black and white photos by Robert Bryant; through Feb. 2.; The works feature dancers and actors. On exhibit at Madame's Gallery, 2748 Adeline in Berkeley, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. 526-4613.

Jesus "Chucho" Angel Perez; through Feb. 28; new and improved mixed media work; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck in Berkeley, 849-9397.

Art is Elementary; An Exhibit; through Feb. 27; Selected works by young Albany Artists, aged four to ten; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Albany, 524-9283.

"The Louis Stein Collection: The Neighborhoods of Berkeley"; through April, 1998; a new exhibit of the Berkeley Historical Society looks at Berkeley's neighborhoods and the UC-Berkeley campus in the form of photographs and other material; Berkeley Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St; 848-0181.

Berkeley Art Museum

Bernard Maybeck Drawings; extended through Feb. 8, 1998; a selection of drawings from San Francisco's radical romantic architect and champion of the California Arts and Crafts movement.

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Lectures and Workshops

Jan. 29

Raging Hormones; 7 - 9 p.m.; the Willard PTA presents nurse practitioner Naomi Schapiro, a specialist in adolescent development and sexuality, bring a dessert to share and chat with other Willard parents after the meeting; at the Willard Library.

Jan. 29

Join companion explorers in the most intriguing question of life: Who Am I?; 7 p.m.; Consider this your invitation to go beyond the superficial and into the depths of your positive self. Free information workshop. For location (close to EL Cerrito BART,) call Tom McMahon, 528-4600.

Jan. 30

Reverend Alfred Smith Sr.,; 7 p.m.; international speaker and author gives a free lecture followed by discussion for the finale of Berkeley Public Library's current, "On the Spiritual side of the Street."; Berkeley Public Library's Central Reading Room, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, Berkeley.

Jan. 31

Vista Community College

Financial Planning and Investing for your Future; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Demonstrating investment strategies designed to lead to a secure financial future. The workshop takes place at Vista Community College, Rm. 3, 2020 Milvia St., between University Ave. & Addison St., 841-8860, Ext. 256. The cost is $25.

Feb. 3

Intelligent Conversation

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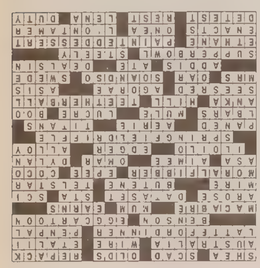
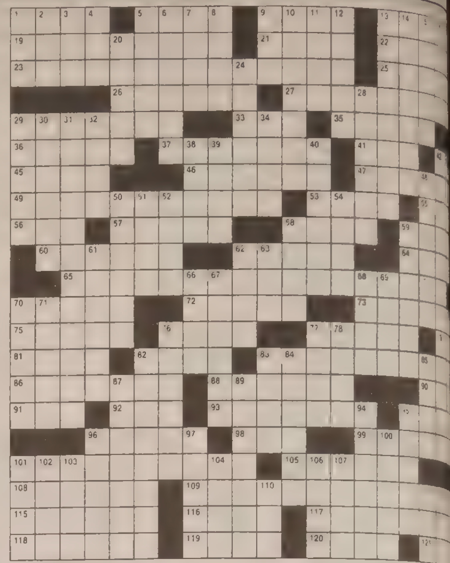


New York Times Magazine Puzzle

SEEING DOUBLE

BY DAVE TULLER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ



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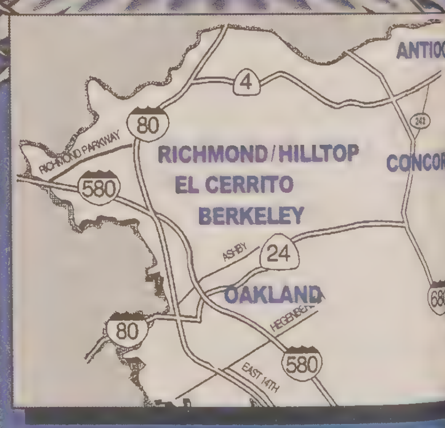

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Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

'Under Construction'

estro Kent Nagano hosts Under Construction on Feb. 1, at 3 p.m., John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. in Berkeley, ing Richard Felciano's "Symphony for String Orchestra: Move- One," Giancarlo Aquilanti's "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra ovement Two," and Eliane Aberdam's "Asteroid 622: Move- One."

oth its regular season and through the innovative NEA-funded Construction program, the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra has med, recorded and given workshop readings of dozens of pieces al musicians.

der Construction's unique open rehearsal/performances allow sers as well as audience members to hear new works performed first time. The orchestra rehearses a section of each work on the en performs the section it has worked on. As the host, Kent o interviews each composer and the conductors are miked so e audience can listen to the interchange between them and the tra. For details on this free performance, call 841-2800.

oets + a Mic

Back by popular demand

Tomorrow at 8 p.m. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley, again hosts "10 poets + a Mic = Change divided by love?" This performance collective, founded by Toussaint Haki, is an artistic collaboration betweem live afro-jazz, poetry, dance, song and theatrics. Opening Friday's show is Abdul Kabir, artist, poet and musician, with his debut project "Flight of the Humble Be." Tickets: $10. Details: 849-2568.

Festival of Women Writers

The University YWCA's 4th Annual Festival of Women Au- will be held at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd. Cerrito on Saturday, Jan. 31.

speakers are Frances Mayes, whose Under the Tuscan Sun has n the San Francisco Chronicle's best seller list for months; Sister Anne O'Marie, author of the popular Sister Helen mysteries; Banerje Divakaruni, author of her best selling first novel, The ss of Spices, and a new book of poetry, Leaving Yuba City; and Marler, whose Bloomsbury Pie: The Making of the Bloomsbury s an "entertaining guide to the Bloomsbury industry."

all day event begins at 9 a.m. with registration and a continental ast. Each author will speak for about 40 minutes and there will e for questions by the audience. Both lunch and the continental ast are included in the $65 registration fee. Open to the public, pacity is only 240, so reservations should be made as soon as le by calling the University YWCA, 848-6370.

authors' books will be sold all day, and will be signed by the s after the morning and afternoon sessions.

ce is Every Step' screening

Sunday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m., Peace is Every Step, the first film profile well-known Vietnamese Zen monk, author and peace- Tich Nhat Hanh, will be shown at King Middle School, 1781 in Berkeley. The benefit screening also includes conversa- ith president of Tibet House Robert Thurman; recipient of the ational Humanities Medal Maxine Hong Kingston; and Gaetano Maida, producer/director of the film.

luminous color footage from Thich Nhat Hanh's Plum Village nity in southern France, retreats and public events in the U.S. e archival film made in Vietnam in 1965, the film provides an e portrait of one of the world's most beloved spiritual teachers ngages with war veterans, environmental activists, Vietnamese nd people from around the world.

event is co-sponsored by Gaia Bookstore & Community Center, st Peace Fellowship, Community of Mindful Living, KPFA and The Express. Tickets are $12 advance, $15 at the door. : 848-GAIA.

te Elephant Sale Preview

White Elephant Sale Preview, an advance chance to see the of used and new items ranging from buttons to bicycles, ures and everything in between, is Feb. 8 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. es benefit the Oakland Museum of California.

ew admission: $13 general; free children under age 12. The fun 3 Lancaster St., Oakland. Details: 536-6800.

cles on film and video

ña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., hosts the third annual e Film and Video Festival on Feb. 8, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The features several films and videos showing the many sides of g, including full-length films, commercials and animation. will also be performance art, bicycle acrobatics and more. Call edule of films.

ets: $5 to $10. Details: 704-5599.

programs at La Peña

eña Cultural Center offers its Saturday Morning Children's , at 10:30 a.m., with a program of stories and songs for . On Saturday, Jan. 31, Bob Reid will provide a morning of ongs. Tickets: $3 general; $2 children. Details: 849-2572.

Francisco Early Music Society

ro-soprano Jennifer Lane joins the ensemble Music's Re- s on Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. to perform operatic arias and other works del, Rossi and Telemann.

ets: $20 general; $17 seniors; $10 students. Saint John's Pres- n Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 528-1725.

wning and singing

ling Brothers clown and juggler Penelope P. Pendleton and Kathy Kallick perform Feb. 8 at the Albany Community Center, Marin Ave. Tickets to the Buddy Club presentation are $6 free children age 2 and under. Details: 524-9283.

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A conversation with Gil Scott-Heron

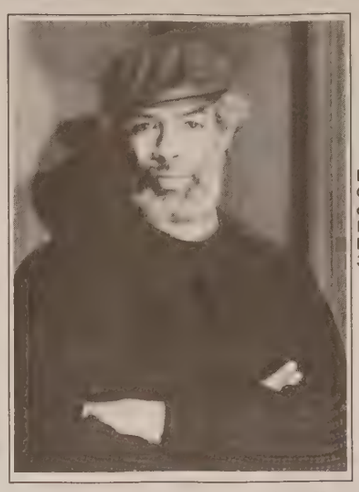
By Wanda Sabir

Haki R. Madhhubuti says of Gil Scott-Heron in "Conscientious Wanderer," the forward to GSH's 1990 collection of poetry titled, "So Far, So Good," that by the time the poet was 21, he had published two books, a novel "The Vulture," [re-released this year], and "Small Talk at 125th and Lenox," a book of poetry, also released as a recording.

"Scott-Heron was a young griot on the rise. His message black, political, historically accurate, urgent, uncompromising and mature...a conscious continuity that furthered the traditions being set by poets like Amiri Baraka, [Leroy Jones,] Sonia Sanchez, Larry Neal, etc. ... His was a fresh and much needed voice that hit the seventies with an anger burning bright."

Scott-Heron says, "I'm known for my political commentaries ... It's good to be known for whatever, but I'm actually a piano player and I write songs. I write songs that have some ideas involved in them.

I remember the cut "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised," off the album "Pieces of a Man," which GSH wrote when he was in junior college. My father played it so much the lyrics danced through my head until I knew the whole album by heart. I used to confuse Scott-Heron with "The Last Poets," also from New York. GSH told me, "I'm the one with the music. Their poems had drums and other percussion [elements.]"



Poet/songwriter Gil Scott-Heron appears at Kimball's East in Emeryville Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

When asked about his writing process he responded, "...There's no formula. there's no way to say that I do this, that, or the other. I don't write songs by numbers...#1, I do this, #2, I do that, #3, I do the other."

He then told me to choose a song and he'd tell me how he wrote it. So I chose the title song for the 1974 album "Winter In America," of which, "The Bottle," was a smash hit.

Scott-Heron said that the title song , "Winter in America," was written at the insistence of a Ms. Peggy Harris, the woman who did the collage on the inside of the album. "She kept saying to me that it should be a song. And I'd say, 'The overall atmosphere I'm trying to create with this group of songs here is what I call 'Winter In America.' But she continued to say that she thought it was a song. Well anyway, I happened to be working one evening and found a couple of notes that did sound like the wind and [others that] sounded kind of sad and foreboding, and then I thought, 'This may be Ms. Harris's song.' I worked on it for a bit and started to bring some lines to it." With the atmosphere from the lines came the song.

"That's what you're always trying to do, put words together with music so that it sounds like we're both saying the same thing. We used the flute to create the sound of the wind. We kept it kind of sparse because there's not much foliage in the wintertime, and talked about things that were happening in the wintertime and how things were changing. It just happened to work that way but I can't say ... Oh there's another song I wrote that way — Ms. Harris gave me a painting of a guy named 'Possum Slim.' She had seen his story in 'Jet' magazine, and she made a painting of him, then later on told me his story. He was a 105 years old and some people had tried to rob him and he shot them. So we wrote this song called 'Possum Slim Don't Mess with Him,' Those two songs came from Ms. Peggy Harris' artwork." [Scott-Heron is reissuing some of his earlier recordings.]

Ms. Peggy Harris is the mother of a guy GSH went to college with, pianist, composer, Brian Jackson. The two of them would stay with Ms. Harris when they went to Washington, D.C. and talk about GSH's writing, her painting and her

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'Don't Dress': a farce worth seeing

By Phyllis Lyon

Anyone looking for some laughs to brighten up a cold winter's night will find a barrel of them in the Contra Costa Civic Theater's production of *Don't Dress for Dinner* playing weekends through Feb. 21 at their little theater just off Moeser Lane in El Cerrito.

Don't Dress is farce, pure and simple, meeting all the requirements of the genre. After a brief setting of the scene, confusion breaks out, frenzy reigns, best laid plans are thwarted, players rush hither and yon permanently mystified, costumes come off ! doors slam and the question asked in the plot usually comes down to who is or will be sleeping with whom.

But all farces are not created equal. Some I've seen, in an apparent effort to add profundity to the fluff, wind up spoiling the fun with what comes off looking like a mean streak. Some I've seen where the players so spin out of control that the whole thing becomes undifferentiated chaos, not very amusing or even interesting.

The good news is that neither *Don't Dress for Dinner* nor the CCCT players make any such mistakes. The play, morphed from the French into English by Marc Camoletti and adapted into American by Robin Hawdon, has a tightly woven plot with surprises galore, is studded with wit as well as bawdy belly laughs and in no way pretends to be more than it should be. Directed with fine finesse by Ron Anderson, CCCT players don't miss a laugh or a nuance written into this hilarious farce.

Catherine Schutz

Tim Beagley, Mary Nitsche, and Jeremy Koerner star in 'Don't Dress for Dinner' at the Contra Costa Civic Theater through Feb. 21.

CCCT has accomplished what may be a feat of casting unobserved around here at little theaters in a month of Sunday matinees. Not only are these actors skilled in the fine art of the broad gesture, the raised eyebrow, the dismayed grimace and the pratfall, they fit the bill in size, shape and the varying degrees of beauty necessary to further the plot.

Don't Dress' "hay-making goes on," as one character says, in a tastefully converted farm house outside Paris, refurbished by the upscale marrieds, Bernard and Jacqueline, who have

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Exclusive Bay Area appearance by South African company

■ *The Albany event is a benefit for the Marin School Arts Fund.*

By Carol Egan

Making its only Bay Area public appearance in concert, the Sibikwa Players from Benoni, South Africa, will present a family show Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Albany High School's Little Theatre. The performance is being presented by the Marin Elementary School as a benefit for the Marin School Arts Fund. The performance will be dedicated to Diane Lohman, beloved teacher at the school, who passed away suddenly at the beginning of the year.

Entitled "Isizwe Sethu - Our Nation," the performance will take the audience on a 50-minute

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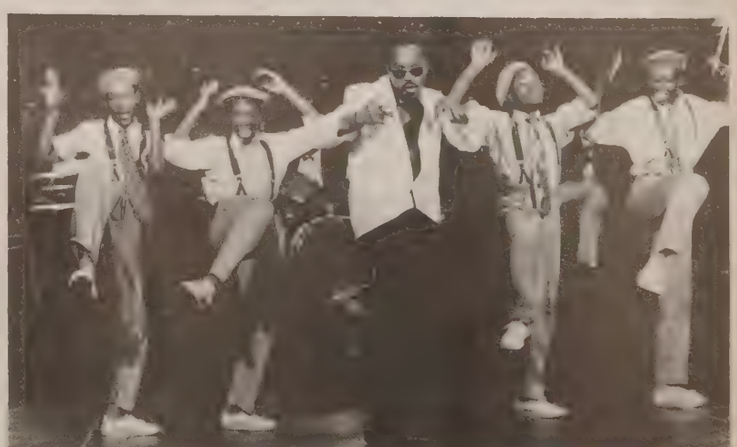

Ruphin Coudyzer

the Sibikwa Players from Benoni, South Africa, present a family show Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Albany High School's Little Theatre to benefit Marin Elementary School's Arts Fund.

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son's piano playing. GSH says of those times, "Brian would play his songs and I'd write words to them, or he'd take my songs and make them sound like they meant something. He did most of the piano work." [Jackson, who just wrote two new songs for GSH, will be rejoining him on their new album coming out in April.]

When GSH flies into the Bay Area for a short weekend run at Kimball's East, he'll be traveling with his own band, featuring Larry McDonald on precessions; Vernon James on saxophone and flute; Glen Turner on keyboards and harmonica; Don McGriggs on bass; Ron Youngs on drums; and Toni Duncanson on percussion also; [maybe Ed Brady on guitar, if he's back from Japan.] They plan on doing some new things and some things folks are most familiar with.

Besides the mystery suspense novel, "The Vulture," which is about a drug dealer and his four closest friends; GSH took the black student rebellions on three campuses in the late 60's, [Lincoln University, where he was a student, Lane College, and Columbia University], and weaved the action into a gripping work of fiction called, "The Nigger Factory."

While living in San Francisco, in the early ë90's, GSH began the now completed, "Last Holiday," a non-fiction work which chronicles Stevie Wonder's travels around the country to establish Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

GSH answered with a chuckle when I asked if any of his twenty recordings had received a Grammy. "No Grammies, we received more or less grocery money.

In a time of Temporary Aid To Needy Families, GSH's poetry still rings true.

In the poem, "Coming From A Broken Home" he writes:

"I want to make this a special tribute since i am a primary tributary and a contributary, as it were, to a family that contradicts the concepts, heard the rules but wouldn't accept, and womanfolk raised me and i was full grown before i knew i came from a broken home.... sent to live with my Grandma down south [wonder why they call it down if the world is round] where my uncle was leavin' and my grandfather had just left for heaven, they said, and as every ologist would certainly note i had NO STRONG MALE FIGURE! RIGHT? But Lily Scott was absolutely not your mail order, room service, typecast Black grandmother....Lily Scott claimed to have gone as far as the 3rd grade in school herself, put four Scotts through college.

"...i lived in the projects without becoming one, shot jumpers in the park instead of people, went to school that informed instead of reformed read books without getting booked and had a couple of jobs to help with the surgery on my broken home.

"...And this ain't one of those clichés about black women being strong 'cause hell! If you're weak, you're gone! ... My life has been guided by women but because of them i am a Man. God bless you, Mama. And thank you."

I like the Scott-Heron poetry that speaks of his personal experiences best—his jammin' rhymes that literally fall off the page—they're that heavy. Staying relevant is not something that GSH has had any problems with. I guess one reason for this is his ability to live in the world without immunity, yet somehow maintain an un-crushable voice—honest, clear, and true. He says, "We've been very popular for a long time. It's not easy to maintain a career for as long as I've been playing but the spirits have been good to me."

Playing the piano since elementary school and writing almost as long, GSH remembers his first story, a mystery he wrote in the 5th grade. "It wasn't that good, you knew ëwho did it' right away." Good or not, this early success marked Scott-Heron's relationship with words that didn't pause or stop when he moved from Tennessee to Manhattan at thirteen. It was this writing ability that attracted the attention of one of his junior high school teachers, who, in turn, helped him secure a scholarship to "Fieldstone," a private high school in Riverdale. After high school, Scott-Heron picked up a degree in English from Lincoln University. He says, "Thurgood Marshall and Kwame Nkrumah went to Lincoln [a black university.] If they could go there it was good enough for me." He got his Masters Degree in '72 from John Hopkins University in "Writing Seminars."

When asked who inspired him, Scott-Heron replies with the smile in his voice, "How much time do you have?

"... John Coltrane—we added lyrics to his music a couple of times, on the 'Spirits' albums—'Spirits' is taken from Coltrane's 'Equinox;' Miles Davis, Dizzie Gillespie, Ron Carter, Hubert Laws, McCoy Tyner, Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Charles Lloyd, Nina Simone, Roberta Flack....You sure you got time for all of this?

"Well let's just say that I like people from a wide background, a lot of different kinds of music. ...They're been trying to figure out what school I belong to for years. We can't even decide what category I belong to in the record store. I find myself in 'jazz,' ëmiscellaneous,' sometimes in ëspoken word.'

"What do I think about 'Rap?' We just called it poetry. I like some of the poets. Michael Fonte or Spearhead. I like Chuck D. I like Flavor. I like Reggie Gaines, I like Speech from 'Arrested Development.' I like quite a few people, just depends on what kind of mood I'm in.

Catch Gil Scott-Heron, the quintessential "Bluesologist," at Kimball's East, 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville, Friday, Jan. 30-Sunday, Feb. 1. Shows are at 8 p.m. and 10p.m. Tickets are $20-22. Details: 658-2555. Scott-Heron says, "We'll be glad to get back to the Bay. I enjoyed myself when I lived there and I'm going to enjoy myself [this] weekend.

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journey to South Africa. Through music, dance, and colorful vignettes, the production explores several South African themes: the country's 11 official languages, hardships endured by the Balck majority and other non-white populations under Apartheid, the triumphant election of Nelson Mandela, and the ability of the people to survive and rise above their conditions with grace and hope.

The Sibikwa Players is a company of 11 based in Benoni, South Africa, a suburb of Johannesburg. Artistic Directors, Smal Ndaba and Phyllis Klotz, are important members of the South African theatre community who have reached prominence through works such as "You Strike the Woman, You Strike the Rock," which toured internationally for three years. They are founders of the Sibikwa Community Theatre Project which trains disadvantaged youth in theatre arts and strives to promote cultural literacy and provide job training.

While in the Bay Area the company, in addition to its public performance, will conduct workshops with local companies Keith Terry and Crosspulse and the Oakland Youth Chorus. It will also do an in-school presentation at the Marin School in Albany. This three-day Bay Area residency is part of the company's six-week U.S. tour.

Tickets for the event are $10 (adults) and $5 (children) and may be purchased at the door or from 9 a.m. to noon at the Marin Elementary School, 1001 Santa Fe Ave., Albany. The performance starts at 7 p.m., Feb. 4. The theatre is located at 603 Key Route Blvd. in Albany.

Transformative arts dialogue nights begin this month

By Carol Egan

The Department of Arts and Consciousness at John F. Kennedy University begins a series of six discussions with artists who are discovering new ways for art to transform people. The first in the series takes place on Friday, Jan. 30 and features Carolyna Marks, creator of the World Wall for Peace. Marks, founder and director of the WWFP will present a slide show on the organization's fourteen year history and on the Peace Empowerment Process, which she developed and has taught in four countries and across the U.S. Marks will be joined by Ray Gatchalian, filmmaker, musician, Oakland Fire Department captain and violence prevention leadership activist.

Subsequent discussions will feature Bill Morrison (Feb. 27), conceptual artist, sculptor, educator, and director of a Marin County-based organization, Public Art Works; Mitra Wortman, multimedia and performance artist whose work combines cathartic awareness with healing experiences (March 15); "Lead into Gold: Alchemical Practice and Metaphor," a collaborative exhibition presented by Gallery Route One and JFK University's Arts and Consciousness Gallery (April 26); Rosalie Cassell (May 29), artist, educator, and breast cancer survivor whose workshops for women with cancer provide a process of using art to create a life-affirming and healing experience; and artist Heather Wilcoxon (June ...) who will present the evolution of her paintings.

All discussions take place at the John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex located at the Berkeley Business Center, ... San Pablo Ave., 2nd floor. Featured presentations start at 7:30pm and admission is free. Each presentation is followed by an opportunity for discussion. For more information call 649-0499.

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Musical messenjahs

Start your celebration of Black History Month at the Richmond Museum of History with MothersTone: a capella musical messenjahs on Feb. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. This a capella extravaganza of African American traditional music includes chants, blues, gospel, reggae, rhythm & blues, songs for children and more. The museum is at Fourth and Nevin streets in Old Downtown Richmond. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available. Details: 235-7387.

Farce

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named the bedrooms "The Piggery", "The Cowshed", "The Henhouse" to carry out the rustic theme. Bernard, presuming that Jacqueline will be away visiting her mother, has arranged a cozy weekend in the country with his extramarital sweetie, Suzanne. He has also invited his best friend, Robert, as a hedge against discovery of his nefarious intentions. And, in lieu of frozen canneloni, Bernard has contracted with a catering company to send over a cook, named Suzette. Jacqueline, discovering the her secret lover, Robert, will be there, cancels her mother, setting the farcical ball rolling with one wife, two Suzies and two guys trying desperately to keep them all ignorant and separate.

Thirty-year CCCT veteran Becky Hesla puts comic meat on the bones of her role as the hired cook who will say or do anything for a price. Mincing and mugging, flouncing and winking, doing a tipsy tango with Robert, Hesla is very funny, not to mention fearless, as the cunning Cockney. At the center of the action, she's the one who walks off with the fur coat, the one with some good sense, in pointed contrast to her harried high-toned employers.

Jeremy Koerner, as Bernard, and Tim Beagley, as Robert, forming the comedy team of Beagley and Koerner, play off each other with tickling effect. Koerner is the who-me husband always just behind events as they unfold and Beagley, his friend the starchy accountant, who is set on being suave no matter what. The pair of actors recently got practice playing together in the Masquers' recent Laughter on the 23rd Floor but in very different roles there, attesting to their separate and equal versatility.

Heidi Hooker is tack-sharp as Jacqueline, the no-nonsense wife doggedly determined to get her way if she can just figure out how. The slim and trim brunette, stunning in sparkling evening clothes and slinky pajamas, is new to the Bay Area and the CCCT stage, having trained with ACT last summer.

Often in plays and movies when one character is supposed to be known as a beautiful model, casting difficulties are such that audiences may have to suspend belief and take the word of other characters in said play or movie that it's true. This is definitely not the case in CCCT's *Don't Dress for Dinner*. Your own eyes are all you need to see that Mary Nitschke, playing the beautiful model, Suzanne, is blonde, long-legged and gorgeous. Trust me, I was sitting in the front row. Not only is she completely believable melting male hearts with sweet smiles and chucks under the chin, Nitschke matches fellow players comic turn for turn while being conned into cooking up a gourmet dinner though she's never seen a pot or pan before.

Last but not least, enter George, the Cockney cook's husband, to tie up the plot's tattered ends. Paul J. White, a student at Contra Costa College, more than makes up for lesser skill and experience as a thespian with curly dyed hair, sheer muscle and a massive stage presence. He's The Hulk in a punk leather jacket, roughing up his wife's suspected male traducers, but finally pinned down by the women. He's fiercely protective of his Suzie — he's her "Flower", she's his "Petal" — the moral no doubt being that the hoi polloi are better at staying happily married than the hoity toi.

To be enjoyed to its fullest, Don't Dress needs only a mind shifted into idle, no questions asked. Or as Suzette, the cook, says of the whole mix-up, "The less I know about what happened in the beginning, the less I understand how it ends."

Playing no small role in the comic action, the imaginative costumes (from staid suits to start through glamorous evening clothes to skimpy night wear at the big finish) were created by Ellie Ohara. And Scenic Designer Matt Flynn again comes up with the innovative set local audiences have learned to expect from him, for Don't Dress a comfy, country living room with plenty of doors to slam.

Just when I was beginning to think I was all farced out, that my funny bone had gone ... with too much zaniness, the CCCT's *Don't Dress for Dinner* made me not merely titter ... teehee, but laugh 'til I cried ... spite of myself. People ... a second opinion can ask ... who was in the packed house ... Friday night or the lady I ... with outside at intermission ... said she'd never been to a ... before. "It's much better than ... movie," she said, chuckling ...

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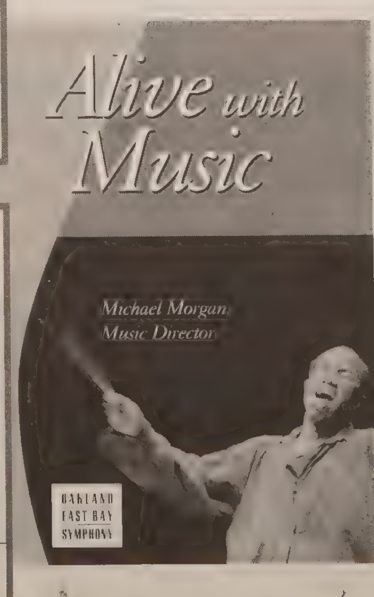

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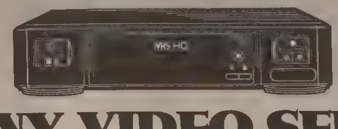
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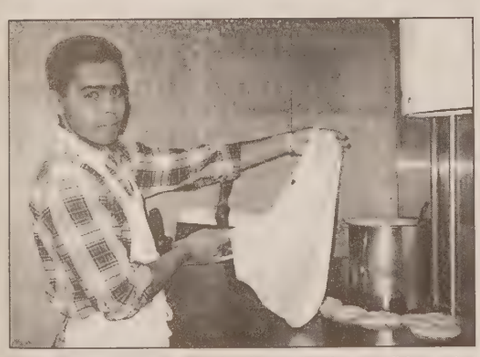

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A favorite of participants and attendees alike, this popular event will features samplings from over forty of the Bay Area's top wineries and food purveyors, prize drawings, a silent auction and live chamber music by members of the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra.

An accomplished chef and restaurateur, Narsai David is former owner of the famed Narsai's restaurant in Berkeley and is currently Food and Wine Editor of KCBS Radio, where he does daily "Food News" reports. He has authored a cookbook, *Monday Night at Narsai's* and can be seen every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in The Cellar at Macy's Union Square.

Tickets for the Berkeley Symphony Wine & Tasting are $35 in advance or $40 at the door. The drawing prizes include certificates good for dinner for two at local restaurants and two wine cellars.

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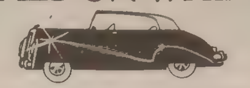

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101 Autos

BMW 1995 325i. Four door, emerald green sedan, leather, 54K miles, perfect, pedigree. $25,950 530-2147.

BMW 1976 530i. White, automatic, excellent condition New tires, new brakes, AM/FM cassette $2400 or best offer 510-526-2781

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DODGE 1996 Neon. 2 door coupe, low miles #591363. $8,995
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FORD 1956 Thunderbird Collector's car, exchange for home renovation, contractors or attorneys Call: 339-2718 or 814-6941

GEO 1994 Prism Auto, pb, ps, A/C, airbags, ABS, low miles, champagne color. $7450 654-2664

GEO 1993 Tracker 4x4. Power steering, cassette, wheels, 5 speed #924022. $6,995.
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HONDA Cars for $100. Seized and sold locally- this month. 1-800-522-2730 ext 2714.

HONDA Civic Hatchback 1987. 5-speed, AC, cassette, great condition, 83K, $3900, price reduced Alameda, 865-8411.

HONDA 1993 Accord EX. Low rider. ABS, sunroof, auto, 4 door. $9800 Call 895-2355.

HONDA 1991 Accord Coupe. Auto, A/C, power everything, moonroof. #026433. $9,995
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HONDA 1991 Civic 4 door, 5 speed, 88K Extra Clean Interior and Exterior $9000 510-526-4681 After 4.30 p m

HONDA 1983 Civic Hatchback station wagon Stick shift, very good condition, runs good, needs clutch $1700. Mike 420-1421

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LOW MILES! Black with gray interior, tilt wheel, 5 speed, power mirrors, AM/FM cassette, A/C. Warranty. Like new condition. $14,350. 510-944-1749.

NISSAN 1988 Maxima. Gray, 4 door, moonroof, A/C, power windows and locks, AM/FM cassette. Excellent condition. $4500. 521-3507

PLYMOUTH 1989 Colt Hatchback, automatic, power steering, 111K miles, AM/FM radio, $2400. 531-2979.

PONTIAC 1984 Fiero. New alternator, battery, starter, tires. Runs good. Black. $1500. 664-3232

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VOLVO 1990 240 Wagon. 117K miles, 5 speed, manual transmission, A/C, 3rd seat, dark blue/ green exterior, tan interior. Immaculate. $10,500. 527-4859.

VOLKSWAGEN 1994 Jetta GL. Moonroof, auto, A/C, low miles. #66196. $11,995
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VOLKSWAGEN 1992 Jetta GL. 5 speed, ABS, ps, A/C, AM/FM cassette. #064545. $5,995.
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103 Boats-Service & Storage

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As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclarion office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland

Parents of Teens Support Group
In Berkeley. This a a time of intense conflict and separation, and most difficult for parents. Get help and support with your confusion and emotional reactions. Claudia Gerst, MFCC. 510-256-0930

202 Events

HYPNOSIS and the Psychic Arts. FREE demonstration. Spiritual Rights Foundation, Academy for Psychic Studies. Sunday evenings 6:30pm. 1-800-794-1991

204 Miscellany

ASTROLOGICAL Services by appointment 510-814-3916

206 Found

FEMALE young Yellow Lab mixed. January 18th, Pinole Regional Park. At Animal Shelter, Pinole. 724-1036.

BLACK female Shar-pei mix lab. Near 35th Ave. January 18th. 531-3807.

TINY light gray dog, curly hair, found January 22nd, Lakeshore at Wala Vista. 763-4486

SCOTTISH Terrier, female. January 18. Call to identify. 339-8014.

TWO female, young, Yellow Labs. January 20th, taken to Oakland Animal Shelter 530-6665

LARGE white/ gray/ black male cat. November. Telegraph/ Grand. 655-4456

YELLOW Lab, female, 6-7 years old. Found on Merrywood, 1/23/98 420-1536.

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

FIREWOOD. Elm. You pick up. 510-531-8120.

REFRIGERATOR- Whirlpool, Side-by-side, beige, good condition. 601-5102

SWEET 6 month female, Shepherd/ Lab. Adores dogs, kids, people. Home desperately needed! Donation. 415-437-9575

BICHON mix; male, free to a good home. Neutered, current shots. 336-9424

208 Lost

GRAY and white tabby. With white paws, belly, chest and face. Reward. 531-3634

CAT, 12 pounds, 11 year old male. Brown/ white. January 3. Near Mountain/ Belfast. 531-2682.

FIVE year old fixed male, long haired, gray/ black, "Tabby". Lost 1/19 near Vernon. 763-1105

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

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Pre-school program 2.9 -5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00. 339-3830.

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

TODDLER Family Program enrolling ages 18- 33 months, parent education and support, parent cooperative, 1- 2 or 3 mornings per week; safe, nurturing environment; Thornhill Drive, Montclair. 339-1170.

IMMEDIATE openings for Pre-K and Kindergarden students. New 2 afternoons/ week lab school at Merritt College. Call 436-2588.

303 Instruction & Tutoring

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339-8555 MULTIPLE Subject Credential Student- Patten College Mathematics, science, history. SAT. CBEST. MSAT. $25- $35/hour

COMPUTER tutor: PC/ MAC. Word, Excel, Internet Must have own computer Home/ office Beth 268-9112

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Oakland, CA 94618

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ACCOUNTING Assistant/ Bookkeeper for Public policy consulting firm. Close to 12th street BART. Fax 510-835-2647. E-mail Pfollensbee@mtaltd.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
This position is responsible for administrative support to senior management. Perform general clerical support work; answer and screen calls; maintain calendar and schedule for CEO; assist with coordinating the completion of special projects by performing word processing, copying, and assembly of information; maintain accurate files; direct mail to appropriate managers. Qualifications: 3 to 4 years of related work experience; good writing skills; strong analytical and computer skills; effective interpersonal skills; ability to work as a team member; flexible to changing work environments and must be discreet and sensitive to employee confidentiality issues. EOE. Fax resume to HR department. 510-534-7771.

ADMINISTRATOR needed for small pleasant physical therapy office, Berkeley. Reception, PC/ windows-based electronic insurance billing, A/R, general office skills. Must be organized and detail-oriented with ability to multi-task prioritize and interface pleasantly with patients. 30- 40 hours/ week. Fax resume 510-339-0140.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, part-time, law office, Grand Lake area. Knowledge of Quicken, MSWord, Excel. Self-motivated. 465-6965

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401 Help Wanted

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CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALISTS. Strong phone and data entry skills. $8- $12/ hour
MEETING COORDINATOR. Excellent phone skills, general office experience including 45-50 wpm. $18- $24K
PUBLISHING COORDINATOR. Coordinate multiple publishing projects. Strong Word, Pagemaker, PowerPoint, and editing skills. Minimum 1 year book/ desk top publishing experience. Salary negotiable.

Fax or mail resume and cover letter to Ms. Tucker. Fax (510)652-1859, INR, 5801 Christie Ave. #400, Emeryville, CA 94608.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant needed by Berkeley architecture office. 20- 25 hours/ week. Organized, energetic, self-motivated person with good computer skills. Fax resume/ letter to: 510-527-1417.

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UCB Law School (Bolt Hall)
Proficiency with WordPerfect (Windows 95), Word for Windows and Mac, typing 45 wpm minimum. Excellent interpersonal, oral/ written communication skills, ability to work with little supervision. Foreign languages and desktop publishing experience desirable Valid CDL required. Send resume by February 13, 1998 to: Job #01-232-20, UC Berkeley Human Resources, 2200 University Ave., Rm. 7G, Berkeley, CA 94720. EEO/AA

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. Insurance, part-time Lakeshore Ave. office 893-7512.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: Excellent office management and strong writing skills. Proficiency with databases (Paradox and Foxpro) and WP/ Windows 6.0. Two years college plus 1 year Administrative Assistant experience is required. Paid benefits. Resume/ Cover letter: R. McCracken, P.O. Box 2269, Oakland 94621.

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401 Help Wanted

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405 Employment Exchange

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406 Employment Wanted

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408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

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409 Childcare Wanted

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LOVING, Creative companion for lively 7 year old boy, Montclair, 2/98. Monday- Friday, 2pm- 7pm. CDL, reference. Live-in/ out. Excellent pay. 339-3179, evenings.

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CHILDCARE for fun and eager to learn 4 year old girl. 1 to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday. Optional evenings and weekend work. CDL and car needed. Fluent English, bilingual Chinese a plus. Call 339-0478. Good references needed.

LIVE-IN babysitter/ housekkeeper, Berkeley. Experienced with infant and English required. Own room/ bath. References. 528-1005.

CHILDCARE wanted for 8 month infant, 3 to 4 mornings per week. 9- 1:30 p.m. Experience, responsible, English speaking, car required and taxes. Steven; 655-4833

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CHILDCARE, live-in, El Cerrito. Full-time. Loving, responsible. Be creative, energetic, cheerful, CDL required. Susann 215-9912.

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CHILDCARE, part-time. cooking, light housekeeping. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3- 7 p.m. for 7 year old twins. Fluent English, own car. $10/ hour, Oakland Hills. References required. 836-1520.

DRIVER/ TUTOR. Driver, companion, tutor for 5th grade girl; Piedmont area. Wednesday- Friday afternoons. Need car, references. Call Linda 839-2522.

CHILDCARE, responsible person with car needed for after school pickup and delivery of 2 Montclair girls. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 2- 6:30. Wednesday 1:30- 6:30. Excellent salary, we pay gas. 530-5686.

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CHILDCARE Evenings and Saturdays for playful 5 year old boy. Monday- Thursday evenings (starts 5:15pm) plus every other Saturday, all day. Very light housekeeping. About 80 hours/ month. Must have experience, references, reliable car/ insurance. Non-smoking, drug-free. $8/ hour plus social security, gas reimbursement. 510-530-4055.

CHILDCARE and light housekkeeping, Piedmont. 25 hours/ week. Excellent English, CDL. 652-1571.

NANNY for 4 month old, part-time. Car, fluent English, experience with infants, references required. 510-251-8810.

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410 Shared Childcare

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412 Babysitting Offered

CHILDCARE/ Elder care. Responsible 28 year old. English, Russian speaking. Light housekeeping. Live-in. References. 510-652-8376.

OUR experienced babysitter available mornings and 2- 3 afternoons, evenings. Very responsible, car. 415-536-4979

COLLEGE Student with car Monday to Friday, after 2:30 p.m. $10/ hour. References. Kelly: 653-5422

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

602 Appliances

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604 Garage & Estate Sales

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606 Miscellaneous For Sale

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NICE, reliable man, senior, retiree, active, fit, secure income. Nonsmoker, no pets. Wants apartment or cottage with kitchen. Good references. Willing to help out. 524-7152.

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709 Alameda

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715 Berkeley

716 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Berkeley

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723 Oakland & Piedmont

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$350 OLD world charm, arches, lighted art nooks, window seat. Possible rebate. 263-0362.

$440 LARGE, ½ block off Lake, hardwood floors, quiet, clean, sunny, cable, no pets. 530-3792.

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$495 STUIO Apartment; Parking, laundry facilities, near Piedmont, 612 Mariposa Ave., 655-5845; after 7pm 653-6019.

$500 STUDIO above Laker Merritt, 350 Newton Ave. 834-9471 for recorded open house details.

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$575 LARGE remodeled 1 bedroom, new kitchen/ bath. 1948 29th. 261-3487.

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$625 CHINA Hill, 1 bedroom with deck in hillside building. Clean, well-maintained, quiet, modern building. Gated parking included. Near Grand Lake. 451-4803.

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Feb. 4

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Turning Point Career Center

Jan. 29; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Assess your Hard Skills Using the Skill Bank, a workshop. $10 for members and $15 for non-members.

Feb. 3; 12 - 1 p.m.; Tracy Fitzgerald of Sawtooth Artists, speaking on the topic: A Career as a Self-Employed Designer; 3 - 4 p.m.; Resume styles that work, is the subject of a workshop which is free for members and $5 for non members.

Feb. 5; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Assess your career Interests Based on Holland's Codes; The workshop is $10 for members and $15 for non-members.

The Turning Point Career Center is a program of YMCA, located at 2600 Bancroft Way in Berkeley, 848-6370.

La Peña Cultural Center

Feb. 5; 7 p.m.; Human Rights in Peru. The Second Anniversary of Lori Berenson's imprisonment. Learn about human rights in Peru both generally and in regards to Lori's imprisonment. Donation requested.

3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

Literary Events

Feb. 2

Berkeley Writer's at Work Series; featuring Nancy Scheper-Hughes; Noon - 1:30 p.m.; in the Toll Room of the Alumni house at UC-Berkeley. Scheper-Hughes will read from her works, be interviewed about her writing process, and answer questions from the audience; contact Steve Tollefson at 642-5570.

GAIA Bookstore and Community Center

Jan. 29; 7:30 p.m.; Women's Ventures, Women's Visions, with Shoshana Alexander and contributors. Jan. 30; 7:30 p.m.; Helen Palmer, *The Enneagram Advantage: Putting the 9 Personality Types to Work.*

Feb. 1; 7:30 p.m.; *Peace is Every Step, The Life Work of Thich Nhat Hanh*, film premiere and benefit screening. At King Middle School: Tickets are $12 adv/ $15 at the door. Tickets available at Gaia.

Feb. 2; 7:30 p.m.; Randy Connor & David & Mariya Sparks, *The Encyclopedia of Queer Myth, Symbol and Spirit.*

Feb. 4; 7:30 p.m.; Jeffrey Masson, *Dogs Never Lie About Love*; Well-loved, honest dogs are invited.

Feb. 5; 7:30 p.m.; Kathleen DesMaisons, *Potatoes Not Prozac*

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Jan. 30; 8 p.m.; Back by popular demand : 10 Poets + a Mic = Change divided by Love; $10.

Feb. 4; 7:30 p.m.; Cafe Poetry. Beyond Romance: An Early Valentine's Celebration of Self-Love and Love of Spirit. Open mic to follow; $2 donation.

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Meetings

Jan. 30

City Commons Club; lunch: 11:45 - 12:15; speaker starts promptly at 12:30 p.m.; $1 admission with coffee, or $10.75 or $12.25 for lunch. This week: Glenn Seaborg, Ph.D, Nobel Laureate, Emeritus Professor, U C Berkeley. His topic: National Service with Ten Presidents; 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 848-3533 or 845-4725.

Feb. 3

West Contra Costa County Division of the California Retired Teachers Association; 12 noon; The speaker is Barbara Smith, one of our members. She became a full-time U.S. Customs Officer after retiring from teaching Social Studies at Helms and Richmond High School. At St. Luke's Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Avenue, Richmond. For reservations call 234-3046. Luncheon is $8.

Ongoing

Overeaters Anonymous; 7 - 8 p.m. Thursdays; OA provides free support through its 12-step program for overeaters, anorexics and bulemics. Newcomers are welcome; Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin, MOB II third floor, Richmond; for information call Stephanie at 841-8562 or OA's information tape at 273-9292.

Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday; B.O.R.P. welcomes new members to its Older Adults Program, people with disabilities who are 40 years or older join with others for social activities, fitness, excursions and fun; South Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger, 849-4663, to sign up (nominal membership fee).

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club; 7 p.m.; every second and fourth Monday of the Month; talking to yourself? McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics; 7:30 p.m.; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

Greater San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program; St. Paul's AME Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; (415) 962-8111.

Toastmasters on Campus; 6:15 p.m.; practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645 (w) or Al Mangarin 970-4355 (w).

TOPS; 7:15 - 8:30; Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond, Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates, 235-0490 for more information.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m. weigh in; 10:30 a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave., Albany; 528-9056 (Paul)

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

Music

Jan. 31

Trinity Chamber Concerts

8 p.m.; Richard Burdick plays the horn with Dora Burdick, on piano in music of Bach, Schumann, Gilere and others. At Trinity Chapel 2320 Dana St. in Berkeley, 549-3864. $10/$8, but no one will be turned away for a lack of funds.

SF Early Music Society presents Music's Re-creation; 8 p.m.; featuring flute,violin, viola da gamba, harpsicord and Jennifer Lane singing; performing works by Rameau, Telemann, Handel, and Monteclair. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College, Berkeley, 528-1725. $20/$17.

Composer John Adams; 6 - 9 p.m.; a fund raiser at the Grammy Award winner's home to benefit the program which supports developing Bay Area Composers. Dinner is catered by the Santa Fe Bar & Grill. The event is $300 per person and open to the public. Reservations are in advance, 841-2800.

Feb. 1

BACA, Berkeley Art Center Assc.;7:30 p.m.; Richard Mix, bass and Cara Bradbury Marcus, piano in a program entitled Thalassiophilia; 1275 Walnut Street in Live Oak Park, 644-6893. Tickets are $10 - $9 for students and seniors, and $8 for members of the Berkeley Art Center.

Maybeck Studio presents Babatunde; 4 p.m.; African diaspora jazz ensemble; to reserve a seat send a check for $20 to Maybeck Studio for Performing Arts, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708, 848-3228.

Florio Street Concerts; 3 p.m.; Double Trouble Sopranos and harpsichordists perform a program of duets from the 17th through the 20th centuries. Poetry read by George Davis. 6389 Florio St., Oakland, 601-9631. $18.

MusicSources; 5 p.m.; John Scniederman on the baroque lute, featuring music of Adam Falckenhagen; 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley, 528-1685. $18/$15.

Dave Lefebvre Group; 4 p.m.; Dave LeFebvre on saxophones; Jean Michel Hure on guitar; Bob Mocarsky on piano; David Belove on bass and Alan Hall on drums. At cafe La Note, 2375 Shattuck Ave., downstairs from Jazzschool, 845-5373. $12 adults, $10 students.

Radu Lupu on piano; 3 p.m.; performing works by Janacek, Bartok and Schubert, At Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus, Bancroft and Telegraph, 642-9988 or through all BASS outlets, 762-BASS. Tickets are $22, $32 and $38.

Mother's Tone; 2 - 4 p.m.; A capella musical messenjahs, an extravaganza of African American traditional music, including chants, blues gospel, reggae, and more. At the Richmond Museum of History, 4th & Nevin Streets, Old downtown Richmond, 235-7387. Free + refreshments.

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra; 3 p.m.; at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Admission is free.

Berkeley Youth Orchestra; 7:30 p.m.; in their 28th season Winter Concert, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Suggested donation, $3.

Feb. 4

Hertz Hall Concert; noon; Ian Swenson, violin; Bonnie Hampton, cello; chamber music students, Bach Partita in E major.; Ysaye Sonata No. 2 "Obsession"; Mozart Divertimento in D major. At Hertz Hall, near College and Bancroft, 642-9988 ticket office; $8 general, $4 for Berkeley Students, $6 other students and seniors, UC Berkeley Staff & Faculty.

Feb. 5

From Africa to the U.S.A.; 7:30 p.m.; A multimedia, multi-cultural program of African and African-American music, drama, theater, and poetry, featuring "Positive Knowledge" and the Vukani Mawathu South African Choir. I-House Auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave. Berkeley, 642-9460. $2 admission.

Ashekenaz

Jan. 29; 9:30 p.m.; David Gans & The Broken Angels, (Grateful Dead Music). $4.

Jan. 30; 9:30 p.m.; Wild Mango (Latin World Dance Grooves), $8.

Jan. 31; 9:30 p.m.; The Reggae Angels, + Enersha (High Energy Reggae), $10.

Feb. 1; 4 p.m. - midnight; Dead Head Community Center, Benefit for Ashkenaz featuring: David Gans & the Broken Angels, Tapes, Drum circle, special guests and more!; $5 - 10 sliding scale.

Feb. 3; Macedonian Folk dance with live music: 9 p.m.; Edessa & Karakostas Ensemble, dance lesson w/Yvonne Hunt at 10 p.m.; $10.

Feb. 4; 8 p.m.; Dance lesson with Patti; 9 p.m.; Danny Poulard and Friends (cajun); $7.

Feb. 5; 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Grateful Dead DJ Night, w/ digital Dave and Jazz Z.D.; $4.

1317 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, 525-5054.

Blake's (All shows start at 9:30 p.m.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7629
The Name of the Business:
Studio Sixteen Associates, 1541 Kildare Way, Pinole, CA 94564. 2410 San Mateo St., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owners:
Eugene A. Bergman, 1541 Kildare Way, Pinole, CA 94564.
Sally A. Madden, 1409 Milvia St., Berkeley, CA 94709.
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 11, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7722
The Name of the Business:
Anchors Aweigh - Cruise Specialists, 1661 Sorrel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Is registered by the following owners:
Rose Cusack, 1661 Sorrel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Gregory Cusack, 1661 Sorrel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 17, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 17, 1997.
The Journal January 8, 15, 22, 29, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7732
The Name of the Business:
ICSUSA, 1855 Trinity Ave. #9, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owner:
Ra Halevi, 1855 Trinity Ave. #9, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 12, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 17, 1997.
The Journal January 8, 15, 22, 29, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7666
The Name of the Business:
Design Inhouse, 5201 Silva Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
Is registered by the following owner:
Janet L. Brown, 5201 Silva Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 15, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 15, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7665
The Name of the Business:
Quality Compliance Services, 351 Rheem Blvd., Moraga, CA 94556.
Is registered by the following owner:
Advanced Mobile Solutions, Inc., 329 Rheem Blvd., Moraga, CA 94556.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 15, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 15, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7588
The Name of the Business:
Lead Lap Collectibles, 559 F Garcia Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Jeff Patterson, 3879 Shasta Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 10, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7752
The Name of the Business:
New Solidarity, 3312 Deerhill Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owner:
Wakean MacLean, 3312 Deerhill Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 18, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7547
The Name of the Business:
A Auto Center, 70 Doray Dr. #18, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owner:
Sultani Ahmad, 463 Camelback Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 8, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7589
The Name of the Business:
Airworks, 3132 Deseret Drive, Richmond, CA 94803.
Is registered by the following owner:
Nina K. Loik, 3132 Deseret Drive, Richmond, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 10, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7811
The Name of the Business:
Lax Syntax Design, 19 Los Amigos, Orinda, CA 94563-1605.
Is registered by the following owner:
Lance J. Jackson, 19 Los Amigos, Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 23, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 23, 1997.
The Journal January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7789
The Name of the Business:
Fingertips Realtime-Captioning, 3252 Maricopa Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
Rhonda Servin, 3252 Maricopa Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 22, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 22, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7847
The Name of the Business:
Integrity Consulting Group, 631 Thornhill Rd., Danville, CA 94526.
Is registered by the following owners:
John R. Potts, 631 Thornhill Rd., Danville, CA 94526; Mercedes E. Martin, 248 Verona Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687; Judith A. Garson, 7772 Washington Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472.
This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association - other than a Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 24, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7790
The Name of the Business:
Custom Nature, 207 Rainbow Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owner:
Leland J. Maker II, 207 Rainbow Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 22, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 22, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7919
The Name of the Business:
Robert and Patricia Fine Wines, 342 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owners:
Patricia Ann Findley, 342 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565; Robert L. Wilson, Jr., 342 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by Individuals- husband and wife.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0047
The Name of the Business(es):
1) Innovation Station 2) Grand Times Publishing, 403 Village Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530-3355.
Are registered by the following owners:
Reece R. Halpern, 403 Village Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530; Kira A. Halpern, 403 Village Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by Individuals- husband and wife.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on January 5, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.
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Notice Of Trustee's Sale: Trustee Sale No. 96116256 Apn No. **527-142-020-9** You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 12/22/93. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On **02/04/98** at **9:45 AM** Trott & Trott, a Professional Corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, Recorded on 01/28/94 as Document No. 94 024805 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, executed by: Ralph C. Hansen and Mary A. Hansen, husband and wife, as Trustor, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, a Utah Corporation, as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) at: **The North side of the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, Ca** all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Lot 36 and 37 in Block 4, as designated on the Map entitled "Map of Andrade Central Tract, Contra Costa County California", which Map was filed in the Office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California, on April 19, 1910 in Book 3 of Maps at Page 52. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2435 Rheem Avenue, Richmond, Ca 94804 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: **$110,353.79** Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 12/31/97 **Trott & Trott, a Professional Corporation** as Trustee, *30150 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 (248)642-2515 By: Ann B. Schafer, Attorney and Agent* C269083 1/15, 1/22, 1/29 1998

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7935
The Name of the Business:
Majestic Finance, 3637 Village Rd., Concord, CA 94519.
Is registered by the following owner:
Joel Stephen Burrow, 3637 Village Rd., Concord, CA 94519.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on December 31, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 31, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0067
The Name of the Business:
Westwind Management Consulting, 1519 Valley Rd., Kensington, CA 94707.
Is registered by the following owner:
Libbi J. Lepow, 1519 Valley Rd., Kensington, CA 94707.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on January 6, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 6, 1998.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7905
The Name of the Business:
Wholesale Cars to You, 6329-A Bethel Island Rd., PO Box 1944, Bethel Island, CA 94511.
Is registered by the following owner:
Kathleen Patricia Lombardo, 3533 Willow Rd., PO Box 1944, Bethel Island, CA 94511.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7862
The Name of the Business:
Best Karaoke & D. J., 13352 San Pablo Ave., Suite 15, San Pablo, CA 94806.
Is registered by the following owner:
Charles A. Martindale, 13352 San Pablo Ave., Suite 15, San Pablo, CA 94806.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 26, 1997.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0122
The Name of the Business:
Fanegan & Vendome Co., 10290 San Pablo Ave., Suite 201, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owners:
Lou, Chung-Jyu, 1317 Contra Costa Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Wang, Wei-E, 6612 Schmidt Ln. Apt. #7, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 7, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 7, 1998.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7930
The Names of the Businesses:
1) San Pablo Realty 2) San Pablo Secretarial Service 3) San Pablo Bait Sales 4) Enterprise Salvage, 13750 San Pablo Ave., Suite A, San Pablo, CA 94806.
Are registered by the following owner:
Robert Nellen, 13750 San Pablo Ave., Suite A, San Pablo, CA 94806.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0158
The Name of the Business:
Rafferty Occupational Therapy, 1725 Springbrook Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owner:
Micah Rafferty, 1725 Springbrook Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 8, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 8, 1998.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7939
The Name of the Business:
Silver Star, 1251 Navellier St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owner:
Cheng-Se Wang, 1251 Navellier St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 31, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7839
The Name of the Business:
Marketing Distribution Systems, 2217 Newton Drive, Brentwood, CA 94513.
Is registered by the following owners:
David C. Beardsley, 2217 Newton Drive, Brentwood, CA 94513.
Kevin Morris, 25200 Carlos Bee Blvd. #99, Hayward, CA 94542.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the ficticious business name listed above on December 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 24, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0089
The Name of the Business:
C.G. Graphics, 3724 Catamaran Ct., Byron, CA 94514.
Is registered by the following owner:
Craig Leonard Giaconetti, Jr., 3724 Catamaran Ct., Byron, CA 94514.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 6, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 6, 1998.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0064
The Name of the Business:
Multiplex, Pacific East Shopping Mall, 3288 Pierce St. #123, Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owners:
Ruben G. San Pedro, 132 Valley Oak Lane, Vallejo, CA 94591.
Amanda San Pedro, 132 Valley Oak Lane, Vallejo, CA 94591.
Clelita B. Briones, 2599 Shamrock Drive, San Pablo, CA 94806.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 5, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0016
The Name of the Business:
Rapid Repro, 2717 Lowell Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owners:
Charles Severino, 2717 Lowell Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Linda Severino, 2717 Lowell Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 2, 1998.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0147
The Name of the Business:
Liberty Blinds and Window Treatments, 2833 Fortuna Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.
Is registered by the following owner:
Emerito Ramon Gonzalez, 600 Wilbur Ave., Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 8, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 8, 1998.
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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 0007068-00
The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of Liberty Blinds and Window Treatments at 2751 San Gregorio Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on November 15, 1996 in the County of Contra Costa under File Number 0007068-00.
The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner: Raul Harer, 2751 San Gregorio Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.
Signed: Raul Harer.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 8, 1998.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0279
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Century 21, Golden Hill 2) Golden Hill, Century 21, 2552 Appian Way, Pinole, CA 94564.
Are registered by the following owner:
Golden Hill LLC, 2552 Appian Way, Pinole, CA 94564.
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 14, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 14, 1998.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7780
The Name of the Business:
Sutter Homes, 308 Via Peralta, Pacheco, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owner:
Gerald J. Dole, 308 Via Peralta, Pacheco, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 19, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 19, 1997.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7908
The Name of the Business:
Vito's, 2027 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owner:
Vincent Steven Riggio, 1061 Leo Way, Oakland, CA 94611.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0231
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Software Library 2) Computer Software & Hardware 3) The Bull 4) Computer Guru 5) Orinda Computer, 43 Moraga Way #201, Orinda, CA 94563.
Are registered by the following owner:
Norman Weiss, 66 Rheem Blvd., Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1998.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0057
The Name of the Business:
Infinity Associates, 2116 Whippoorwill Court, Pinole, CA 94564.
Is registered by the following owners:
Tiao Chanthamaly, 2116 Whippoorwill Court, Pinole, CA 94564.
Patrick Singrajphak, 2025 Coolngreen Lane, Encinitas, CA 92024.
Kumron Rattanasetthavon, 22/108 Sol Aphaphirom, Rajdaphiseth, Ket Jatouchuck, Bankok, Thailand 10900.
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 21, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.
The Journal January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0309
The Name of the Business:
Partnership Solutions, 118 Hawk Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.
Is registered by the following owners:
Calvin Owens, 118 Hawk Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.
Stephani Owens, 118 Hawk Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.
This business is conducted by Individuals - husband and wife.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 15, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 15, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-00249
The Name of the Business:
Perfect Earth, 165 Springside Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owners:
Gary Oliphant, 165 Springside Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Sharlene Sabol, 165 Springside Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0216
The Name of the Business:
Kreiss Rebar Installation and Supply, 108 Alice Lane, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Is Registered to the following owner: Donald Kreiss, 108 Alice Lane, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 12, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 12, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-267
The Name of the Business:
Heartstringz, 4102 Garden Rd, El Sobrante, CA 94803-2229; PO Box 20875, El Sobrante, CA 94820-0875.
Is Registered to the following owners:
Laura Marie Knerr, 4102 Garden Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803-2229.
Suzanne-Marie Raines, 4102 Garden Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803-2229.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 14, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 14, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0012
The Name of the Business:
Helping Hands Accounting Services, 2037 Sierra Rd., Suite #4, Concord, CA 94518.
Is Registered to the following owner:
Susan E. Kyle, 2037 Sierra Rd., #4, Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 2, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7871
The Name of the Business:
Mersey Beach, 577 McLaughlin St., Richmond, CA 94805.
Is Registered to the following owner:
Alfred M. Chan, Jr., 577 McLaughlin St., Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 29, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 29, 1997.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0005
The Name of the Business:
Anything Else, 535 Canyon Woods Circle, #135, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is Registered to the following owners:
Sally Kizziar, 535 Canyon Woods Circle #135, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Ronald Kizziar, 535 Canyon Woods Circel #135, San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 15, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 2, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-184
The Name of the Business:
Smartwell, 1935 Carlotta Drive, Suite 3, Concord, CA 94519.
Is Registered to the following owner:
Wei Lin, 1935 Carlotta Drive, Suite 3, Concord, CA 94519.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 9, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-334
The Name of the Business:
Schmidt Television, 4011 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Is registered by the following owner:
Thomas D. Johnston, 684 34th St., Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 16, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 16, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0015
The Name of the Business:
Cafeccino, 5255 Clayton Rd. #262, Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owners:
Houshang Nejad, 5255 Clayton Rd. #262, Concord, CA 94521.
Sirlona Nejad, 5255 Clayton Rd. #262, Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 2, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7902
The Name of the Business:
Excell Maintenance, 3950 Beechwood Dr., Concord, CA 94519.
Is registered by the following owner:
George R. MacClelland, 3950 Beechwood Dr., Concord, CA 94520.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 30, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-0044
The Name of the Business:
American Business Services, 1471 Oakmont Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Zolia Rivera, 205 West Buchanan Rd. #214, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 5, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 98-351
The Name of the Business:
VOG Boutique, 3288 Pierce St., Ste. #C103, Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owners:
Tam Trong Nguyen, 6610 Claremont Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Nga Malekzadeh, 6610 Claremont Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 20, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 20, 1998.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7911
The Name of the Business:
R K Fire Protection, 106 Agate Way, Hercules, CA 94547.
Is registered by the following owner:
Richard J. Komaroff, 106 Agate Way, Hercules, CA 94547.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1997.
The Journal January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 1998.

County homeless shelter hotline

The Contra Costa County Health Services Department has a new 24- hour free hotline to help the homeless.

By calling 1-800-808-6444, homeless persons can get a referral to a shelter, reserve a shelter bed or get general information.

Homeless Program manager Brenda Blasingame said yesterday that some of the shelter beds will be available through hotline reservations. The rest will be given out on a first-come, fir basis.

There are 106 beds ye at the county's Conc Brookside shelters, and additional "winter relief"

The county is raising add 40 beds to the Conc ter. Contributions can be Contra Costa Cares, c/o Fargo Bank, Account 4518-091020, 902 Main tinez, CA 94553.

Goings

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Every Monday: The Blue Monday Jam featuring the Steve Gannon Band, $3.

Every Tuesday: Showcase featuring the Best Up and Coming Talents in the Bay Area.

Every Wednesday: Third World Soca, Hip-Hop and Reggae, $4.

Every Thursday: Groove Junkies and special guests, funk jazz Hip-Hop, $4.

Jan. 30; Groove Junkies and Salamander, Funk Jazz, Hip-Hop, $5.

Jan. 31; Missing Link and dias funk, Ska Rock, $5.

Telegraph Ave.; 848-0886

Freight & Salvage Coffee House: tickets are an extra dollar if bought at the door; door opens 7:30 p.m.; music at 8 p.m.

Jan. 29; Alvin Youngblood Hart, unaltered, untainted blues.

Jan. 30; Trout fishing in America, traditional music's longest running conspiracy of fun.

Jan. 31; Steve Seskin, Carol McComb, Nina Gerber, inspired originals plus stellar guitar accompaniment.

Feb. 1; Darryl Henriques, humor & commentary from Freight's favorite human impersonator.

Feb. 3; 8 p.m.; Scottish Troubadour, Bruce Davies, on 6 and 12 string acoustic guitars, $12.50 in Adv./$13.50 at the door.

1111 Addison St. Berkeley, 548-1761.

La Peña Cultural Center

Jan. 29; 8 p.m.; Caswell/Carnahan and Spikedrivers. The Novato Bone Marrow Fund presents the bad boys of Celtic music and hot East Bay Bluegrass. All proceeds go to this great cause. $10.

Jan. 31; 8 p.m.; Sukay Pays Dance and Music tribute to the Pachamama, a special concert of Andean music and dance, paying tribute to the mother earth.

3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

Starry Plough, Restaurant & Pub;

Jan. 29; 9:30 p.m.; Alternative Tentacles, No Means No and Royal Grand Prix, $10.

Jan. 30; 9:45 p.m.; Stikman Liar and Deadweight, $5.

Jan. 31; Chuck Prophet and Rule of Thumb, $6.

3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 841-2082

Outdoors

REI Berkeley; Jan. 29; Tips for Longterm Travel Around the World: 7 p.m.; Join world travel exper Hasbrouck for highlights from tical Nomad, his new handbook and tips on independent, on- travel anywhere in the world.

Feb. 5; 7 p.m.; East Afric tures on Safari; join Linda R REI Adventures for slides and tion on some of Africa's class tures.

1338 San Pablo Ave. Berke 4140.

Religion

Jan. 27-29

Cross-Currents in Faith ture

A three day conference at F gregational Church of Berkeley ing issues of faith, culture, ju ministry; open to the public; Channing Way in Berkeley. 84 800-999-0528 for a complete sc events. $50 in advance and $ door.

Jan. 29 - Feb. 6

Buddhist Meditation for Peace: 5 - 6 p.m. daily; The invites the public to join in Buddhist meditations and cha world peace, at the same time mated 30,000 Tibetan Buddhi monks, and laypeople will gathe for world peace. This cerem started by Bay Area writer, tea founder of the Nyingma In Tarthang Tulku. 1815 Highland Berkeley, 843-6812 for more in

Feb. 1

Christian Science Services and Sunday school services, wi ings from the *Bible and Scien Health with Key to the Scriptu* Mary Baker Eddy on the sermon 10 a.m.; Second Church of Chris tist, 1521 Spruce St., Berkeley; people welcome. Call 848-2047.

Buddhism/World Peace; 6- The Tibetan World peace Cere Bodh Gaya, India.A discussion Margaret Mitchell who attended in India illustrates her talk with show.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church Reverend James Stickney will from Jeremiah 1, "Do not say I only child." The monthly potluck fast will be held at 9 a.m.; and a Evensong with the Tallis singer reverend Laurie Willis will preach I Cor. 12, "There are Varieties of but the same Spirit"; 1501 Washi Ave. Albany, 525-1716.

Ongoing

Ahavat Yisrael; a new trad synagogue in Berkeley, holds Shabbat services on Saturday mo at 9:15 a.m., preceded by Torah cl 8:45 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, 897 Avenue. For more information, holiday and special events, call 273

Midweek Bible Study/Prayer ing; 7 p.m.; every Friday; Agape Church; everyone is welcome, fe to call Prayer Team for prayer re concerns shall be treated with confi and you shall be prayed for; 233-

Theater, dance and film

Feb. 4

Jehrico 98 Video Series; 7:30 Yesterday is not too soon. Dorsey video interview with Assata Shakur escaped to Cuba from a U.S. pri 1979. Nunn, a prison rights activis be available for a Q & A period. $

At La Peña Cultural Center, Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

Feb. 5

Yiddish Art Players Theater, Audition Call for a Yiddish Short - 5 p.m.; Bring your own material minutes in Yiddish if possible. Kn edge of Yiddish is not required. Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Comm Center, 1414 Walnut Street at Rose, keley.

Ongoing

Actors Ensemble of Berk present: Dancing at Lughnasa; a c edy-drama to be on stage Friday Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; thr Feb. 21; Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shat at Berryman, Berkeley, 528-5620. mission is $9.

University Art Museum/Pa Film Archive

Screening of Emporer Jones, st Paul Robeson, panel discussion, a ception. For more information and call Doris Worsham at 642-1438 Durant, Berkeley.

"How I learned to Drive"; thr Feb. 27. ; Berkeley Reperatory Th

A free open forum with cast m bers, Monday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Call 4700.

The Aurora Theatre Company sents Ingmar Bergman's *Nora*; thr March 1; an adaptation of He Ibsen's *A Doll's House*; Berkeley Club, 2315 Durant Ave.; Call the the Box office for tickets at 843-4822. O ing night is Jan. 29, preview perform precede. Tickets are $18 - $25.